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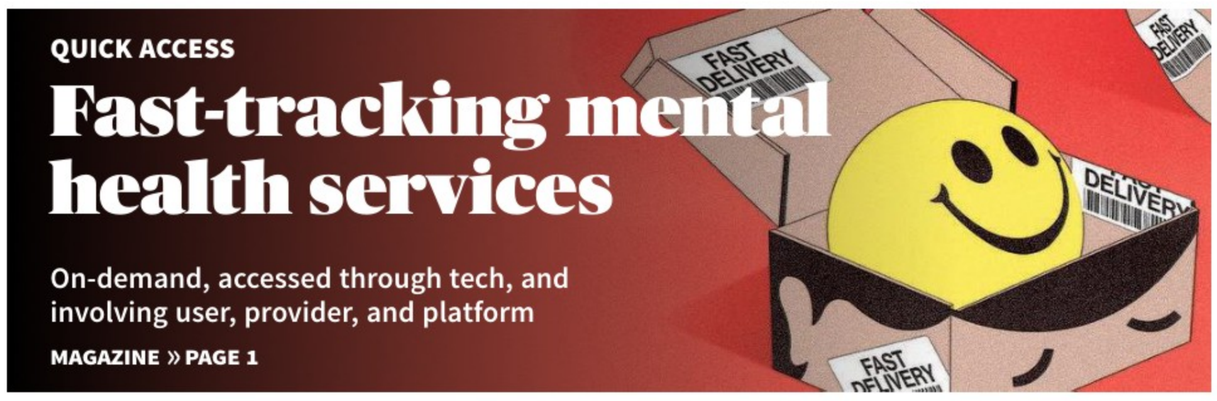

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Bindu Shajan Perappadan
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NEW DELHI/BHOPAL

Loud and clear: AAP workers protesting outside a pharma factory in Jaipur on Saturday over the deaths of children. PTI

The Union Health Ministry has initiated a risk-based inspection at the manufacturing units of 19 drugs sampled across six States after the Tamil Nadu Drugs Control Department found diethylene glycol (DEG) above permissible limits in samples of the Coldrif brand of cough syrup, Ministry officials said on Saturday.

An investigation is on into the deaths of at least 10 children linked to the consumption of cough syrups in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. "This move will help find out the gaps leading to quality failure of drug samples and suggest process improvement to avoid such incidents in future," the Ministry said in a statement.

In an order on Saturday, the Madhya Pradesh government prohibited the sale and distribution of Coldrif in the State.

Sale banned

The State's Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) banned the sale of Coldrif and all other products from its manufacturer – Sresan Pharmaceuticals based in Kancheepuram district in Tamil Nadu. The decision comes a day after the Tamil Nadu Drugs Control Department ordered the manufacturer to stop its production after an analysis found a batch to be "not of standard quality" and "adulterated with diethylene glycol".

The Kerala government has also ordered a ban on the distribution and sale of Coldrif.

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Hold Bihar polls in fewest phases, parties urge EC

At meeting in Patna, they demand that election be held immediately after the Chhath festival to increase turnout; BJP says the police should verify the identity of women voters in burkha

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Poll preparations: Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, centre, with Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu, left, and Vivek Joshi during a meeting in Patna on Saturday. @ECISVEEP

Ruling and Opposition parties of Bihar on Saturday urged the Election Commission to conduct the Assembly election in the State with a minimal number of polling phases.

The parties met Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners Vivek Joshi and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu in Patna.

The commission reached the city on Friday night for a two-day visit to review preparedness for the election. On the first day, it met representatives of six national and six regional parties.

The parties demanded that elections be held immediately after the Chhath festival to increase voter participation, and suggested keeping the number of phases to a minimum.

'Flag march'

"We have given a few suggestions to the EC, including a flag march of the paramilitary forces in certain villages a day or two before the voting for confidence-building," Bihar BJP president Dilip Kumar Jaiswal said after the meeting.

"We suggested that voting be completed in one or two phases, so that expenditure of the candidates is reduced. Many institutions also get affected due to the polls. Faces of women voters in burkha must be matched with voter ID cards with the help of women officers on duty so that only genuine voters get to vote," he said.

Janata Dal(U) working president Sanjay Jha demanded single-phase voting after the Chhath festival.

The Opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal sought a two-phase election. RJD leaders Chitranjan Gagan and Abhay Kushwaha demanded that the EC reveal the names of 3.66 lakh voters excluded from the final electoral rolls after the special intensive revision and reasons for their exclusion.

The RJD raised questions over the 21.53 lakh names added to the final list, asking whether they were new voters or individuals whose names were deleted from the draft list.

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Sanae Takaichi

Takaichi set to be Japan's first woman PM

Agence France-Presse
TOKYO

Conservative Sanae Takaichi hailed a "new era" on Saturday after becoming head of Japan's ruling party, putting her on course to become the country's first woman Prime Minister.

The 64-year-old from the Liberal Democratic Party will almost certainly be approved by parliament later this month as Japan's fifth Prime Minister.

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Israel 'eases Gaza strikes' after Trump's peace push

Associated Press
Agence France-Presse
GAZA CITY/ TEL AVIV

No let-up: Smoke rises following Israeli Army shelling at Nuseirat in central Gaza Strip on Saturday. AP

Israeli bombing of Gaza City has "significantly subsided" though at least five Palestinians were killed, a hospital official said on Saturday, as Israel's Army said the country's leaders had instructed it to prepare for the first phase of the U.S. plan to end the war in Gaza.

Israel has moved to a defensive-only position in Gaza and will not actively strike, said an official who was not authorised to speak to the media on the record.

The official said no forces have been removed from the territory.

Call for halt

Israel, earlier in the day, said that its troops were still operating in Gaza and warned residents not to return, despite calls from the families of Israeli hostages and U.S. President Donald Trump for an immediate halt to the fighting.

Mr. Trump issued the appeal to the key U.S. ally after Palestinian militant group Hamas said it was ready to release all hostages and start talks on the details of his plan to end the nearly two-year war.

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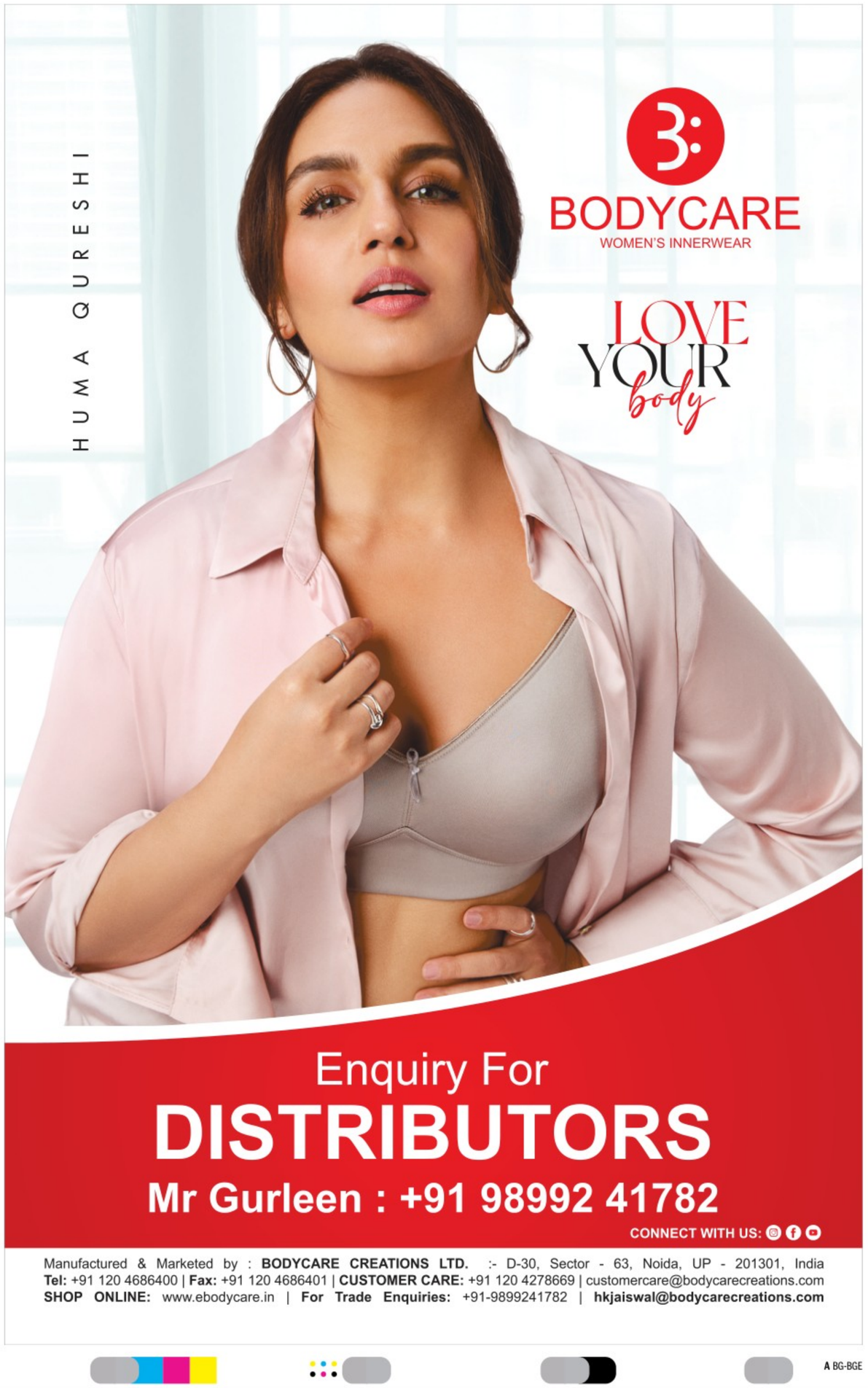
Modi praises U.S. President's leadership

NEW DELHI
Praising U.S. President Donald Trump for his "leadership", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday welcomed signs that the Gaza peace proposal may make headway on hostage release. He said that India would "support all efforts towards a durable and just peace". » PAGE 9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Man jumps onto metro track, rescued

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 40-year-old man working as a clerk at Vidhana Soudha allegedly attempted to end his life and jumped onto the metro tracks at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda (Majestic) Metro Station on Saturday afternoon.

The man, later identified as Veeresh, was rescued by alert security staff and was rushed to the Trauma and Emergency Care Centre (TECC) on Victoria Hospital campus.

'Stable' condition

Asima Banu, TECC Nodal Officer, said that his condition was "stable". He sustained injuries on his head, face (lacerations), chest and upper limbs. He has also suffered a femur fracture.

"We have sought opinion from the orthopaedician and neuro-surgeon and investigations are on," Dr. Banu said.

Senior police officials said that while no case has been registered, they were yet to speak to the injured to ascertain what led him to take the extreme step.

The incident occurred at 3.17 p.m., when Veeresh jumped in front of a train bound for Madhavara on the Green Line. Train services were restored by 3.47 p.m., after a 30-minute disruption.

During this period, trains on the Green Line operated only between Madavara and Rajajinagar, and between National College and Silk Institute.

Similar incidents

There have been several similar incidents reported at Nadaprabhu Kempegowda metro station, one of the busiest interchange points in the metro network in the city, the last one being on August 11.

The repeated episodes have renewed demands for BMRCL to expedite the installation of protective railings and safety barriers at metro platforms to prevent such accidents and ensure smoother operations.

In February, 2024, the BMRCL installed platform safety railings at the Kempegowda Interchange following repeated cases of passengers either accidentally or intentionally stepping onto the electrified tracks.

Since then, Namma Metro authorities have been assessing the effectiveness of these measures at other high-footfall stations.

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Paying obeisance: A Barot man performs rituals before the *Vanshavali*, a record of the community's history, in Ahmedabad.

Night of hymns: A group of men render songs ahead of the garba performance at the Saduma Temple.

Tiny steps: There's no age bar on who can participate. A young boy from the community gets decked up at his home for the dance.

Getting ready: A Barot man dresses up in a sari for the garba at Saduma ni Pol in Ahmedabad. The performance is a traditional practice that local people believe will ward off a curse on the Barot community.

Draped in tribute

In Ahmedabad's old city, the legend of Saduma lives on as Barot men don saris and perform garba every Navratri Ashtami in a ritual of penance and cultural memory

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In the narrow, labyrinthine lanes of Ahmedabad's old city, the walls whisper age-old stories, keeping alive traditions both unusual and beautiful. One such story is that of Saduma, a woman from the Barot community, whose memory lingers in a ritual still observed.

The legend dates back to 1816, when Ahmedabad was under Maratha rule. According to one retelling of the story, the ruler of the city, captivated by Saduma's charm, demanded that she be brought to his palace. But Saduma resisted. She asked her husband to end her life with a sword rather than surrender to the ruler's whims. He could only inflict a minor injury, and in her anguish, Saduma cursed her own community.

As the years passed, the Barot community sought to atone. They promised that on every Navratri Ashtami, men from the community would don saris and perform garba in Saduma's memory. This symbolic inversion – men wearing women's attire – was an act of penance, remembrance, and devotion.

Over two centuries later, the tradition continues, a living testament to myth and cultural memory. Every year, the ritual is performed with a quiet intensity that contrasts sharply with the grand commercialised garba celebrations elsewhere.

Men in saris dance through the lanes, keeping alive the story of Saduma with every step.

On September 29, the eighth night of Navratri, an event was held to recreate Saduma's story as chronicled by writer Jhaverchand Meghani. The event drew over 180 visitors, who gathered in a community hall for the performance and a subsequent discussion.

In these quiet rituals, Ahmedabad's old city reminds us that history is not only remembered in books but that it is lived, performed, and celebrated. The ritual is performed only once a year.

While it is rooted in the Barot community, this year saw many young men from outside the community donning saris and joining the dance.

"I have been wearing a sari and performing garba every Navratri Ashtami for the past 15 years, to please Saduma and seek her blessings for peace and prosperity in our Barot community. Believe it or not, many men from outside the community also join the celebration... The rule is very simple: one must wear a sari and perform garba on Navratri Ashtami," said Nileshbhai Barot (55), a resident of Saduma ni Pol, Ahmedabad.

Keeping the faith: Bangles adorn the hands of a Barot man as he gets ready for the ritual on Navratri Ashtami to seek blessings for peace and prosperity in the community.

‘Karnataka’s ecosystem was not built overnight’

Priyank Kharge says while some States have the infrastructure and are improving it, trying to build the ecosystem that Karnataka has nurtured is impossible

INTERVIEW

Priyank Kharge

Shilpa Elizabeth

Minister for Electronics, Information Technology & Biotechnology and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj Priyank Kharge during an interaction with *The Hindu* on Saturday. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

When ORR hits the headlines, more often than not, it is for the wrong reasons. Companies along the 17-km tech corridor, which contributes the largest share to the State’s IT revenue, have been complaining for long about the pothole-ridden roads and peak-hour traffic congestion.

When Nara Lokesh, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics and Communications in Andhra Pradesh, invited companies in Bengaluru to move to his State, the invite was met with sharp response from his counterpart in Karnataka, Priyank Kharge, and resulted in a volley of exchanges. *The Hindu* caught up with Mr. Kharge, Minister of Electronics, Information Technology & Biotechnology and Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, on the issue.

Excerpts from the interview:

Tech companies on ORR have been complaining about infrastructure issues for a long time. Many now seem to be looking for alternative locations. How do you view this?

I think it’s a problem of any city growing rapidly, and not limited to Bengaluru. The pace at which Bengaluru is growing is immense. Last year, the Union government projected our growth between 8.3% and 8.7%, but we grew at 10.3%. Savills Growth Hubs Index reports that we will be outpacing our global peers in urbanisation, economic growth, and innovation by 2033. We are tipped to grow at a whopping 8.5% till 2035.

We are the ones creating the jobs. More than 40% of the population of Bengaluru are migrants. We have the highest registrations of two-wheelers in India - nearly 2.3 crore.

Infrastructure policies play catch-up to such rapid growth. We are doing all we can to ensure that Bengaluru has a great infrastructure and the right ecosystem for people to thrive in the shortest possible time. That is why we have given ₹7,000 crore to uplift Bengaluru’s infrastructure, especially with respect to mobility. Our focus is heavily on building faster public transportation through metro.

We have added e-buses and are improving the last-mile connectivity. It is a challenge, but it is also a constant work in progress. And I think it’s a good problem to have because that shows the potential of Bengaluru.

But is there a risk of flight of capital and attempts by younger, hungrier States to woo the industry here?

It’s not easy. A post on Facebook or X doesn’t mean investment is going out or the talent pool is shifting base. We already have the infrastructure and we are improving on it. Younger States, or the hungrier ones, as you call them, need to build up the infrastructure.

Take the case of any neighbouring State. While some have the infrastructure and are improving it, trying to build the ecosystem that we have nurtured is impossible. It has taken us 30 years.

From being the IT-enabled services ecosystem, we are now one of the leading innovation ecosystems in the world. We are the fourth largest technology cluster and number eight in the world regarding start-up ecosystem. Out of 110 unicorns, more than 47 are from Karnataka.

We contribute 21% of the national bio economy and 65% of aerospace defence. We are top in global capability centres with over 900 centres and units. More than 400 of the Fortune 500 companies have their headquarters here.

Around 40% of the engineering and R&D talent pool of the entire nation is from Karnataka.

We have a count of people-friendly and investor-friendly policies. We have the first-mover advantage. So, while younger States are free to do all they want, we are hungrier than them.

We enjoy the leadership position, but our appetite is huge. There’s no resting. I don’t want to be a national player when we have the potential to be a global player.

What are the specific initiatives that the department is looking at?

People are free to express their opinions online. While that’s a good opportunity for the government to pull up its socks, it does not mean that people are moving out of the city. Weatherwise or otherwise, we are any day better than any city.

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has taken this up on himself. He is giving priority to the mobility infrastructure and is looking at solutions even from the private sector to build a sustainable city. Areas that are paying high taxes and generating employment will be considered as brownfields and such areas will have all the civic amenities. He’s also mulling over forming a small task force that will be engaging with people, associations and tech parks.

Is congestion tax something that the government is looking at?

I don’t think so. I don’t think that will be the solution. While cities like London may have it, we need to acknowledge that every city is different.

There were reports suggesting that the ban on bike taxis added to the congestion. Will the ban be reviewed?

The government is extremely serious about the gig economy and we have passed the Karnataka Platform Based Gig Workers Bill. For bike taxis also, it’s just a matter of time before we get it sorted out since it’s in court currently. The Transport Department is looking at it, and it’s a matter of time before we form a policy for that.

ED attaches assets worth ₹423 crore of Ozone Urbana Infra Developers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) has provisionally attached immovable properties amounting to ₹423.38 crore of Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. and its promoters.

Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. is accused of not only delaying the completion of the realty project after collecting money from homebuyers, leaving them in a lurch for years now, but also diverting this money to buy personal assets for its promoters. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is also probing the case based on directions of the Supreme Court.

“In order to safeguard the interest of the customers, immovable properties of the Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd. (Unsold stock in the Avenue (92 flats) and Aqua 2 projects (13 flats), 4.5 acres of commercial land) and personal properties of its promoter S. Vasudevan along with his wife (179 acres of land at Kannehalli Village, Mudigere) all totalling to the tune of ₹423.38 crore has been provisionally attached,” ED further said, giving out details of the properties provisionally attached in the case.

Raid in August

It may be recalled that ED had raided the firm and its promoters on August 1, 2025. The ED had then claimed that its raids uncovered Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd., along with S. Vasudevan (main promoter), had defrauded the home buyers to the tune of ₹927.22 crore.

“The accused diverted the funds to the other group entities and associated individuals including S. Vasudevan himself and his family members generated the proceeds of crime to the tune of ₹927.22 crore and routed the same through various entities and used for the purpose other than the funds actually meant for the construction and development of projects in Ozone Urbana Infra Developers Pvt. Ltd,” the ED said in a statement on Saturday.

To light up life

For survival: A street vendor selling decorative lights near a signal on Queens Road in Bengaluru. ALLEN EGENUSE J.

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Man rescued after jumping on metro track

Apart from Majestic and the newly-opened Yellow Line, similar safety railings have only been set up at the busy R.V. Road Interchange. Elsewhere, neither railings nor Platform Screen Doors (PSDs) have been implemented, raising concerns that BMRCL has failed to adequately address precautionary passenger safety measures.

BMRCL has, however, awarded a tender for the installation of Platform Screen Doors across upcoming projects including the Pink Line, the Blue Line Phase 2A (Central Silk Board to K.R. Puram), and the elevated Airport City Station on the Blue Line Phase 2B (KR Puram to Airport).

(Those in distress or having suicidal tendencies can seek help from Arogya Sahayavani Ph:104)

Class 1 admission: Parents seek 90-day relaxation in age criteria for 2026-27

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Parents of children seeking admission to class 1 for the academic year 2026-27 have petitioned the Department of Public Instruction (DPI), requesting relaxation in the age criteria prescribed under the State Education Policy (SEP).

As per current rules, only children who have completed six years by June 1 are eligible for class 1 admissions. This has left out thousands of children born between June 2 and August 31, who fall short of the cut-off by just a few months. Many of them are being asked to repeat UKG, even though parents argue the children are both developmentally and academically ready to move to primary school.

In their letter to the Commissioner of Public Instruction, parents highlighted that in the previous academic year (2025-26), the department had allowed a one-time relaxation of six months, which benefited a large number of students. They have now requested at least a 90-day relaxation, extending the cut-off date to August 31, and sought that similar flexibility be allowed for subsequent batches as well.

“This small extension would bring relief to thousands of families and ensure fairness between consecutive batches,” the parents wrote. They further urged the department to issue a uniform circular so that schools across the state implement the rule consistently.

Parents stressed that a rigid age criterion disproportionately affects children born in June, July, and August, often resulting in loss of a crucial academic year. They argue that such exclusions go against the spirit of equality and inclusiveness that the State Education Policy aims to uphold.

Woman loses ₹3.6 crore to digital arrest fraud

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Posing as sleuths from the Mumbai police, cyber fraudsters threatened a 33-year-old fitness trainer with “digital arrest” in a fake money laundering case and made away with ₹3.6 crore on September 20. Based on a complaint filed by Shreya C.S., a resident of Marathahalli, the police on Friday registered an FIR against a person identified as Vishal, charging him under Sections 66C (identity theft), 66D (cheating by impersonation) of the Information Technology Act, 2000, and several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023.

According to the complaint, Shreya received a WhatsApp call from Vishal claiming to be an officer with the Mumbai police in August 2025. He informed her that she was involved in a money laundering case that was being investigated. The caller threatened her to keep her under digital arrest and demanded the bank account details for verification. He promised that the money verified from the accounts will be refunded within 24 hours after the investigation.

Trusting him, Shreya not only shared her and her father’s bank account details but also transferred a total of ₹3,62,87,000 to 42 different bank accounts mentioned by the caller.

The cheating came to light when she tried to reach him after the deadline and found his mobile was not reachable. After repeated attempts, she realised that she had been duped and approached the police on Friday to lodge a formal complaint.

The police have now initiated a probe to freeze the accounts where the money was transferred.

FIRs registered after HC, Israel Consulate receive bomb threat emails

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru city police have registered two FIRs against an unidentified individual after the High Court of Karnataka and the Consulate General of Israel office, Bengaluru, received bomb threat emails, which were later found to be a hoax.

According to the police, the emails saying “6 RDX IEDs planted....blasts will occur after Friday Islamic Prayers (sic)”, were sent on September 19, from an email id cho_ramaswamy@hotmail.com, and the sender identified himself as Tughlak magazine’s late editor Cho. Ramaswamy. After anti-sabotage checks, both emails were found to be a hoax.

Based on complaints by the Registrar General, High Court of Karnataka, and Yuval B., Consulate General of Israel, South India, Bengaluru, the city police have registered the cases on charges under the Information Technology Act, 2000.

It can be recalled that the High Court of Karnataka received multiple similar hoax bomb threats earlier this year.

Sari and stories: Men of the Barot community step out of their houses wearing women's attire as part of a centuries-old tradition for the garba on Navratri Ashtami.

Pitching in: Women help Barot men get ready for the event that keeps alive the story of Saduma. This year, some men from outside the community also took part in the garba at Ahmedabad.

Turning curse to custom: Dressed in finery, Barot men sing, clap and twirl during the garba in Saduma's memory.

Annual atonement: A young boy from the community performs rituals at Saduma Temple.

Passed down: A man and child look forward to joining the dance.

Social and Educational Survey begins in GBA limits

The Deputy Chief Minister, who participated in the exercise at his residence, admits the questionnaire could have been simpler, particularly for urban residents 'as they have less patience'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After multiple delays, the Social and Educational Survey commenced on Saturday within the limits of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) area, with enumerators visiting households across the city's five municipal corporations. On the first day, 22,141 households were surveyed.

Among the city corporations, the West Corporation recorded the highest participation with 7,082 households surveyed, followed by the North City Corporation at 5,987.

The survey, inaugurated by Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who also holds charge of Bengaluru Development, faced a rocky start, with many enumerators staging a protest at the Malleswaram municipal office, citing personal challenges, including caring for ailing family members and health issues. Many others cited technical glitches and lack of cooperation from some residents during the survey.

GBA Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao acknowledged that some technical glitches, issues with location allotment, and other minor problems were anticipated during the first two days of the survey and said they would be addressed at the earliest.

Enumerators at Nagendra Block in Bengaluru on Saturday.
K. MURALI KUMAR

'Simplify it'

Mr. Shivakumar, who participated in the Social and Educational Survey at his residence in Sadashivanagar, admitted that the survey questionnaire could have been made simpler, particularly for urban residents.

"I saw the questions; they should have been simplified. People in urban areas have less patience," he said.

When asked about residents unwilling to participate, he said, "It is our duty to explain, and we will do it."

He called on people to participate in the survey to provide justice to future generations, and further added that any technical glitches in the process would be resolved soon and that people would be able to submit information online.

He clarified that respondents cannot be compelled to answer sensitive or personal questions. "The court has said that you cannot be forced to answer such questions. If someone feels uncomfortable, they can choose not to respond to such questions. I have instructed surveyors to be sensitive while collecting data in the city," he said.

Feedback to be reviewed

When asked about concerns that even the Deputy Chief Minister found the survey lengthy, taking an hour to complete, Mr. Rao said, "I cannot dispute what the DCM experienced. We will review the feedback and see how the process can be improved."

Households Covered on Day 1

- Central Corporation: 2,822
- East Corporation: 3,105
- North Corporation : 5,987
- South Corporation: 3,145
- West Corporation: 7,082

Total: 22,141

Bribery case: OSD to Energy Minister held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Lokayukta police officials on Saturday arrested Jyothi Prakash, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Energy Minister K.J. George, along with her driver Naveen M., a contract employee, while accepting a bribe of ₹50,000 for an official favour.

Mr. Prakash is also an Executive Engineer, Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Ltd (KPTCL).

According to the officials, Mr. Prakash had demanded ₹1 lakh to issue an NOC for sanctioning the electricity supply connection to Ananthraju. Unable to pay the amount, Ananathraju approached Lokayukta police and filed a complaint, based on which a trap was laid and the duo was arrested under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Two girls missing from Mulbagal found dead in well; parents allege foul play

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The bodies of two minor girls, both 13-year-olds who reportedly went missing while playing in front of one of their houses in Mulbagal town on Thursday, were found in a well around 2 km away on Saturday.

Awaiting autopsy

While the parents of the two children have alleged sexual assault and murder, the Mulbagal Rural police have filed an unnatural death report and are awaiting autopsy report to ascertain the cause of death.

The deceased have been identified as Dhanya Bai and Chaitra Bai, studying in class 7 at the Government Higher Primary School in Yalachepalli village.

On Thursday, the duo was playing in front of Dhanya Bai's house, and Chaitra wanted to use the washroom. Even though Dhanya's mother, Gayathri Bai, asked her to use the washroom inside the house, she went outside while Dhanya Bai accompanied her around 10 a.m. and the two girls went missing.

When Gayathi Bai realised the duo did not return, she alerted other family members. Soon, the family members started searching for the duo before filing a missing persons complaint with the Mulbagal Rural police.

On Saturday morning, a few villagers found the dead bodies floating in a well nearby and alerted the police. Given that the bodies of two girls were found, the police alerted the families of the two missing girls, who rushed to the spot two km away from their houses, and confirmed the bodies belonged to their children. The police recovered the bodies and have sent them for autopsy.

'Assaulted, killed'

Ishwar Rao, father of Dhanya Rao, a teacher, alleged that the two girls were sexually assaulted, and killed by miscreants.

"They were probably strangled," he said, demanding justice.

However, senior police officials said that only an autopsy could ascertain the cause of death, even as they have begun a probe in trying to reconstruct the last minutes of the girls and started questioning those who saw them last alive.

Two lectures today

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The Mythic Society will host two lectures on Sunday at its centenary auditorium on Nrupathunga Road, starting at 11 a.m.

On Gandhi, lakes

The first lecture, titled "Belgaum Congress Session and Gandhiji - 1924", will be delivered by Vemagal Somashekar, a noted Gandhian, historian, and writer. He will shed light on Mahatma Gandhi's pivotal role in the historic Belgaum session of the Indian National Congress.

Following this, S. Asha, secretary of Arohana Rural Development Organisation, Kolar, will present a lecture on "Lakes: The Lifeblood of the Village", focusing on the environmental and socio-economic challenges faced by rural women in relation to water resources.

Woman ends life in lodge

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Magadi Road police have filed an unnatural death report and are investigating

A 38-year-old woman was found dead at a lodge in Magadi Road police station limits under mysterious circumstances recently. The deceased has been identified as Yashodha.

The police suspect she ended her life over an argument with her male friend.

According to the police, Yashodha was married and was reportedly in a relationship with a city-based auditor. However, the auditor was allegedly having an affair with Yashodha's friend.

Recently, when the duo was in a room they had rented in the lodge, Yashodha reportedly stormed in, caught them red-handed, drew them out and allegedly ended her life in the same room.

The Magadi Road police have filed an unnatural death report and are investigating.

(If you are in distress or having suicidal tendencies, please reach out to these 24/7 helplines: KIRAN at 1800-599-0019 or Arogya Sahayavani at 104 for help.)

Timings
BENGALURU

SUNDAY, OCT. 05		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:07
RISE	16:47	SET 04:11
MONDAY, OCT. 06		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:06
RISE	17:30	SET 05:06
TUESDAY, OCT. 07		
RISE	06:09	SET 18:05
RISE	18:13	SET 06:03

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	29	23
Mysuru	28	20
Bengaluru	26	21

Bengaluru Today
30°C The weather will be slight warm. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain and thundershower to occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
31°C Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant. Mostly dry weather is likely.

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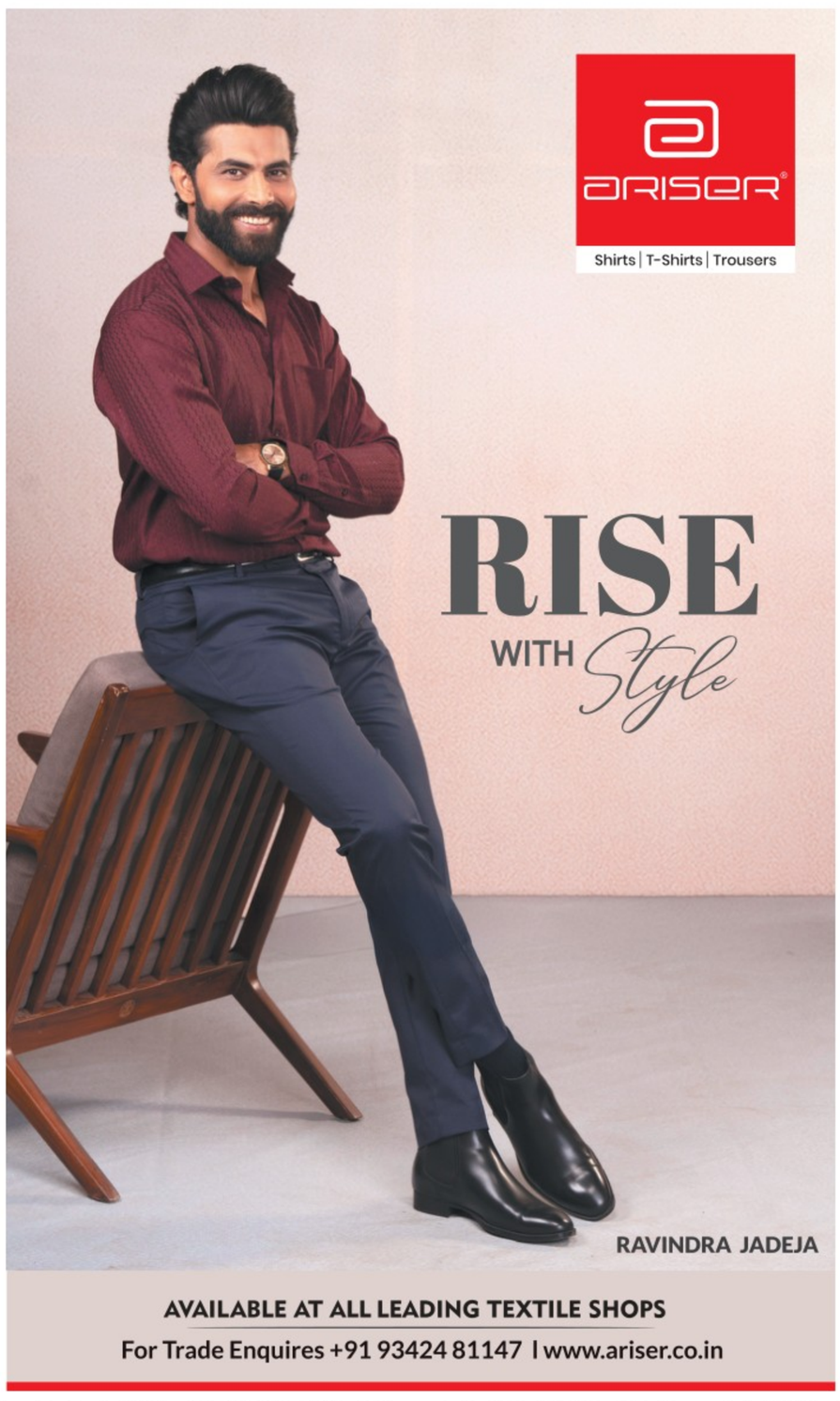

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Coaches of Namma Metro's upcoming airport line to have luggage racks

Currently, the rules permit commuters to carry one bag weighing a maximum of 15 kg free of charge; larger or extra bags attract a fee of ₹30, violations can lead to penalties of up to ₹250

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has said that coaches on the upcoming Blue Line, the airport corridor connecting Central Silk Board Junction to Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) via K.R. Puram, will be equipped with dedicated luggage racks.

Recognising the special needs of air travellers, the corporation is making design changes to accommodate larger baggage in metro coaches on this particular line.

"Since this line is primarily meant to serve the airport, we are ensuring that passengers can comfortably carry their luggage. Each coach will have racks installed at both ends, replacing two seats, so that travellers with large bags do not face inconvenience during their journey. The racks will allow passengers to stow big suitcases in a secure and accessible space," said a senior BMRCL official.

Currently, Namma Metro does not offer a designated space for baggage.

Recognising the special needs of air travellers, the corporation is making design changes to accommodate larger baggage in metro coaches on the Blue Line. FILE PHOTO

The rules permit commuters to carry one bag of up to 60 cm × 45 cm × 25 cm and weighing a maximum of 15 kg free of charge. Larger or extra bags attract a fee of ₹30, while violations can lead to penalties of up to ₹250.

The upcoming racks are expected to ease these restrictions for air-bound passengers, many of whom travel with heavy or multiple bags.

The Blue Line is one of the most significant metro projects in the city under Namma Metro's expansion, providing a direct link to Bengaluru's international airport located on the city's northern outskirts. The 58.19-km corridor will run seamlessly from Silk Board Junction in the south to KIA in the north through K.R. Puram.

The line has been divided into two segments: Phase 2A, covering the 19.75-km stretch between Central Silk Board and K.R. Puram; and Phase 2B, a 38.44-km extension from K.R. Puram to the airport. According to officials, physical progress on the project reached 52.5% as of June 30, 2025. The completion date is currently scheduled for December 2027.

Move welcomed

Commuters who regularly travel to the airport have been eagerly anticipating the metro connection, which is expected to provide a faster and more reliable alternative to road transport. Lokesh S., a frequent flyer from the BTM Layout, said, "I have been waiting for years for a metro line to the airport. The decision to add luggage racks in the coaches is very thoughtful. It will benefit thousands of travellers who otherwise struggle with bags while using public transport. Even BMTC's airport buses have dedicated racks at the front, so this step by the metro makes perfect sense."

The Blue Line project has been in the pipeline for nearly a decade. The detailed project report (DPR) for the Silk Board-K.R. Puram stretch was prepared in October 2016 and secured Cabinet approval in March 2017. The DPR for the airport extension was finalised in September 2017 and approved by the government in January 2019. Together, Phases 2A and 2B are estimated to cost ₹14,788 crore.

The BMRCL has revealed that the Blue Line will introduce driverless trains equipped with advanced safety systems.

Skeleton found at construction site

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A human skeleton was found on the fourth floor of an under-construction residential apartment in the Kothanur Police Station limits on Friday. The incident came to light when the labourers went to the fourth floor of the apartment for cleaning work and noticed the skeleton.

They informed the security guard, who in turn alerted the police.

The police suspect that the death might have occurred a year ago. The apartment was abandoned due to a civil dispute pending in the court for many years. Work restarted a month ago. Prima facie investigations have revealed that the deceased is a male aged around 40, the police said.

Poisoned tigers, electrocuted elephants, a grim reminder of human-animal conflict

R. Krishna Kumar
MYSURU

The spate of tiger deaths owing to poisoning reported from M.M. Hills Wildlife Sanctuary during the year, elephant deaths from electrocution and other unnatural causes, and frequent crop raiding by animals underscore the severity of human-animal conflict in villages abutting forest boundaries, in South Karnataka region.

Urgent intervention

As the State observes Wildlife Week in the first week of October, it draws attention to burning issues that call for urgent intervention to mitigate the impact of conflict situation.

The real challenge, according to activists, is to put in place measures to minimise, if not avert, both human and animal deaths, and property loss which affects local villagers bearing the brunt of the conflict.

As per the Forest Department's e-Parihara dashboard (April 2024 - October 2025) there have been 35,580 reported cases of crop raiding and other conflict cases, and the issue has grown from being a localised problem to a widespread challenge affecting livelihoods, ecosystems, and conservation goals, posing a challenge to the department as also the local community members.

Elephants continue to be the primary species involved in conflict situation, accounting for 22,483 incidents. FILE PHOTO: M.A. SRIRAM

Paid and pending

According to the data, 20,417 cases have been approved for compensation while 14,245 are pending, indicating the strain on administrative mechanisms to respond promptly.

The forest ranges that are among the worst-affected are in south Karnataka region and include the Virajpet range, Kushalnagar, Srimangala, Omkar, Veeranahosahalli, Ponnampet, Sakleshpura, Hediyala, Methikuppe, Anechowkur, N. Begur, Nuguhd Kote, Gundlupet, Hanur range,m etc., all of which are in Mysuru-Kodagu-Hassan-Chamarajanagar belt.

The estimated ex gratia amount which has been approved for the period April 2024 to October 2025 is ₹22.82 crore, of which ₹21.61 crore has been disbursed, reflecting the government's continued financial burden in mitigating losses arising from crop damage, livestock kills, and human casualties.

Elephant highest

The data indicates that elephants continue to be the primary species involved in conflict situation, accounting for 22,483 incidents, followed by leopards (9,378), wild boars, and tigers.

Though the department has taken up installation of rail barricades to reduce human-elephant conflict in south Karnataka region, there are gaps which cannot be plugged given the topography and the terrain, and elephants manage to navigate their way to circumvent the barricades. But officials maintain that in areas where the barricading has been completed, there is a decline in conflict with elephants.

Habitat fragmentation

The escalation of conflict has been attributed to habitat fragmentation, encroachment, and disturbance by way of approving linear project through the forests or close to the areas used by animals for their seasonal migration.

Unless such issues are resolved, the long-term consequences of unchecked conflict would be severe as there would be resentment among affected communities who could resort to revenge killing. And the recent poisoning of six tigers in M.M. Hills is a pointer to such a situation.

Lorry damaged in fire

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A lorry carrying a load of onions was damaged in a fire suspected to have been triggered by an electric short circuit in the engine. The incident happened near Budihal gate in Nelamangala on Saturday.

The lorry was heading from Chitradurga to the APMC yard in Dasanapura when the incident occurred.

The driver stopped the lorry upon noticing thick smoke emanating from the engine, followed by fire. He and his assistant jumped out to safety, minutes before fire engulfed the lorry, destroying the vehicle completely.

The Nelamangala traffic police along with Fire and Emergency Services, put out the fire, and pulled the vehicle out from the road to restore traffic movement.

The police are awaiting the transport officials' report to ascertain the exact cause of fire in the vehicle.

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SEDAM
Near State Bank of India, SEDAM-585222,
Dist : Kalaburagi, State : Karnataka
WebSite: www.sedamtown.mrc.gov.in Phone: 08441-277912-276932

NO:TMC-SEDAM/AMRUT2.0/2025-26 Date: 03.10.2025

TENDER KPPP-PRO CUREMENT NOTIFICATION

(As per KTTP Act-1999 & Rule 2000)

Detailed item rate bids are invited through GoK KPPP platform from the eligible PWD Registered - Contractors/ Registered Suppliers / Manufacturers, for the following works sanctioned under MF, AMRUT-2.O (Green Space and Parks) and Others. Through Standard Bid Documents.

Bid documents can be downloaded from Karnataka Government KPPP portal from the Date: **03.10.2025** onwards.

Details of work put to Tender : DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT47627/CALL-2

Sl.No. 6) Name of work : Development of [02] No's of Green Spaces & Parks under AMRUT 2.0 in -TMC Sedam Kalaburagi District (a) Development of NGO Colony Garden in sedam town, b) Development of Mahatma Gandhi Nagar Garden in Sedam town, and Operation and Maintenance for a period 05 years, **Estimated Cost (lakhs) : 105.18, Amount of EMD (Rs):2,00,000.** Period of completion excluding rainy season: 3 Months, Class of Contactor : Eligible Registered Contractor, Category: Others.

1) Last date for uploading of filled tender will be **21.10.2025** upto (for each tender bidd should be submitted within the timings mentioned in KPPP-Procurement Respectively) 2) **Date of opening of bid on 23.10.2025 at 11:00:00** (Financial Bid Opening As per kpp portal)

The above Notification is Subject to following Conditions

1) It will be the responsibility of the bidder to produce quality control test report of the materials, required for the work and also the third party report. 2) Additional information regarding notified work can be had from the concerned section officer during the working hour and also be visited online website www.sedamtown.mrc.gov.in 3) The under signed reserve the right to accept or reject any one or all the bids received with out assigning any reason. 4) The dates mentioned above if happens to be declared as public holiday then the next working day will be considered the last date. 5) All the other conditions as per Tender book KW1 and KW2,

Sd/- Chief Officer,
TMC SEDAM

DIPR/Kalaburagi/587/2025-26/Deshpande Publicity

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-2)
Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
Debt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru)
4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001

DEMAND NOTICE
(NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.)

RC/469/2024 IN OA NO.357/2020

Bank Of Baroda
Versus
M/S Muralikrishna Infracon Private Limited And Others

TO,
(CH) Bank Of Baroda
Corporate Banking Branch-1 At 3rd Floor, Vijaya Tower Building, 41/2, M.G. Road, Trinity Circle, Bangalore-560001
.....Certificate Holder

Vs

(CD 1) M/s Muralikrishna Infracon Private Limited
Rep By Its Managing Director Sri.M.Muralikrishna No.7, 4th Floor, 2nd Cross, 8th Main, Shanbag Narayanappa Layout, Opp Kalpatharu Apartments, Kodigehalli (near Tata Nagar) Bangalore-560092. Karnataka
(CD 2) Sri M. Murali Krishna
R/at No 291, Second Floor, 1st Main, 8th Cross Near Tata Nagar Shankarnagar Bangalore Karnataka -560092
(CD 3) SMT. M Jayashree
R/at No 291, Second Floor, 1st Main 8th Cross, Near Tata Nagar Shankarnagar Bangalore, Karnataka -560092
.....Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2) in OA/357/2020 an amount of **Rs 16,63,65,429.10 (Rupees Sixteen Crores Sixty Three Lakhs Sixty Five Thousands Four Hundred Twenty Nine And Paise Ten Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest payable as per the RC w.e.f. **12/02/2020** till realization and costs of **Rs. 1,50,005** (Rupees One Lakh Fifty Thousands Five Only) has become due against you Jointly and severally. Plus, penal interest @2%p.a. is also applicable/payable as stated in the RC.

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act 1993 and Rules there under.
3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.
4. You are hereby ordered to appear before the undersigned within 15 days from the date of paper publication of the demand notice at 10.30 am for further proceedings.
5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **05.06.2024.**

You are directed that the payment made if any by the Certificate Debtor(s) be credited to the consolidated account of all debts due in this case from the certificate Debtor(s) and the Recovery Officer kept posted with the Payment position regularly.

The consolidated account so maintained will be subject to the Verification of the Recovery officer. You are further directed to submit an up to date statement of the total claim in respect of the above matter and full details of property particulars where from the recovery of the debt is to be made.

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 to the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act, 1961 read with Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993(Amended from time to time) which is reproduced as under: "Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the debts recovery officer nor shall be any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.
2. Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter or any debt, divided or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.
3. You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 years.

Sd/- Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT-2)

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank (A Government of India Undertaking)
Infantry Road Branch, 91, Infantry Road, Bangalore - 560 001. Ph No 9483521927
Email : cb1927@canarabank.com

Dated : 03.10.2025

To the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor:
1. M/s REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTD
1ST floor, no 18, sns plaza road , kumara krupa road, bangalore north 560001.
Also having address at : M/s REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTD
NO 11,3 RD Floor, railway parallel road ,nehrunagar, bengaluru-560020.
2. Ms. SHARVANI SACHIDANAND
DIRECTOR and GUARANTOR of M/s REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTD , D/O Budagere Sachidanand, NO 201 HEANATHE 4TH C MAIN, 3RD BLOCK 3RD STAG, BASAVESHWARA NAGAR ,Bangalore North 560079.
3.Mrs PINKY DHANPAL SAKARIA
DIRECTOR AND GUARANTOR OF M/s REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTD
W/O Dhanpal Sakaria, NO 33/1 SAKARIA NIVAS NEHARUNAGAR , SESHADRIPURAM 1ST CROSS,Bangalore North 560020.
4.Smt. SHANTI DEVI GUARANTOR And Mortgagor of M/S REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTDW/O Tejraj Bantiya, NO 50/30 YAMUNA BAI ROAD ,OPP E TV OFFICE, MADHAVANAGAR Bangalore North 560001.
5. Sri. DHANPAL SAKARIA GUARANTOR and MORTGAGOR of M/S REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTD S/O Inderkumar Devichandji Sakaria, No 33/1, 1ST CROSS NEHRUNAGAR, BANGLORE 560020.
6. Sri. NIRMAL BANTIYA GUARANTOR of M/S REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTD S/O TEJRAJ BANTIYA, NO 50(30) YAMUNA BAI ROAD , OPP E TV OFFICE, MADHAVANAGAR, BANGALORE NORTH 560001.
7.MR. SURESH KUMAR REPRESENTED BY POA HOLDER MRS. PINKY DHANPAL SAKARIA PARTNER OF M/S DHRUVI BUILDERS AND CONSTRUCTIONS
REGISTERED OFFICE AT NO.33/1, 1ST CROSS ROAD, NEHRU NAGAR, BANGALORE - 560020.
8.M/s Dhruvi Builders and Constructions
(Represented by Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria and Mr. Suresh Kumar, Represented by POA holder Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria) MORTGAGOR of M/S REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTD.
Registered Office at No.33/1, 1st Cross Road, Nehru Nagar, Bangalore 560020.

SUBJECT: Notice for exercising the right of redemption under Section 13 (8) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act").

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, **Infantry Road Branch**, BENGALURU (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Act do hereby issue this notice, under Section 13(8) of the Act read with Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI Rules, to you all as under:

As you all are aware that the secured creditor had issued the Demand Notices, under Section 13(2) of the Act, on **07-07-2025** to the borrower **1. M/s REWARDS RESOURCING PVT LTD 2. Ms. Sharvani Sachidanand (Director and Guarantor) 3. Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria (Director and Guarantor) 4. Smt. Shanti Devi (Director and Guarantor) 5. Sri Dhanpal Sakaria (Guarantor and Mortgager) 6. Sri Nirmal Bantiya (Guarantor) 7. Mr. Suresh Kumar (Represented by POA Holder Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria) 8. M/s DHRUVI BUILDERS AND CONSTRUCTIONS** (name of Borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantor), the mortgagor and the guarantors (above mentioned names), demanding to pay an amount of **Rs. 5,91,24,468.89 (Rupees Five Crore Ninety One lakhs Twenty Four thousand Four hundred Sixty Eight and Eighty Nine Paisa Only)** and interest stated thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notices.

Since, the Borrowers / Firm, the mortgagors and the Guarantor (above mentioned names) having failed to repay the amount mentioned in the above said demand notices, the Authorized Officer under Section 13(4) of the Act had taken symbolic/Physical possession of the secured assets described in the Possession Notice dated **20-09-2025 (Residential Site No.93, in the layout "Nitesh Rio" formed as per the plan approved by Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority out of the land in S Y No.20/2 of Uttarahalli, Manavarthekaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk) and 22-09-2025 (3Bed room Villa at Varthur Village Bengaluru bearing No 02, "COURTYARD CONVERTED" SY No. 163/3 and 163/2 situated at Varthur Village, Varthur hobli, Bengaluru East taluk and Flat No.201 in second floor with 2 car parking at Kalpavruksh Homes No.8 Municipal No 5, PID No.77-60-5, 1st Main Road, Ward No.77, Chakravarthi Iyengar Extension, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru).** Further, the said symbolic/ Physical possession notice was duly published in **THE HINDU** and **UDAYAKALA** (Bangalore), on **25-09-2025.**

To comply with the provision of SARFAESI Act, 2002 read with Rule 8(6) of SARFAESI Rules, you all are hereby given a last and final opportunity to redeem and reclaim the secured assets, which are in possession of the secured creditor, within 30 days from the receipt of this notice, by discharging the liability of **Rs. 6,13,23,669.89 (Rupees Six Crore Thirteen lakhs Twenty Three thousand Six hundred Sixty Nine and Eighty Nine Paisa Only)** as on **03-10-2025**. plus subsequent interest, costs and expenses in full, failing which the sale notice under the Act will be published in the newspaper specifying one of the following modes mentioned below, to sell the secured assets:

i. By obtaining quotations from the persons dealing with similar secured assets or otherwise interested in buying assets; or
ii. By inviting tenders from the public; or
iii. By holding public auction including through e-auction mode; or
iv. By private treaty.

As per Section 13(8) of the Act, you are entitled to redeem the secured Assets at any time before the date of publication of sale notice in Newspapers, failing which your Right to redeem the mortgaged property as per Section 13(8) of the Act shall stand extinguished.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the subject Act/ or any other law in force.

[Details of security assets]

Sl No	IMMOVABLE	NAME OF TITLE HOLDER
1.	All that piece and parcel of Residential Site No.93, in the layout "Nitesh Rio"formed as per the plan approved by Bangalore Mysore Infrastructure Corridor Area Planning Authority out of the land in S Y No.20/2 of Uttarahalli , Manavarthekaval Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk duly converted for residential purposes as per the official Memorandum No. B.Dis.ALN.SR (S) 239/03-04 dt 20.10.2003, issued by the Deputy Commisioner, Bengaluru District, measuring 3560Sq Ft and bounded by **East By :** Site No.69 & 70 ,**West By :** Road **North By :**Park And **South By :**Site No.92.	**M/S Dhruvi Builders and Constructions Represented by partners Mrs. Pinky Dhanpal Sakaria and Sri Suresh kumar**
2.	MODTD of 3Bed room Villa at Varthur Village Bengaluru bearing No 02, "COURTYARD CONVERTED" SY No. 163/3 and 163/2 situated at Varthur Village, Varthur hobli, Bengaluru East taluk with super built up area of flat 2581.66 sq ft and undivided share of land 2388.035 sqft and Garden area -819.16 sqft. Bounded by **East by :** Garden ,**West by:** Road, **North by:** Row house/Villament no 1 and **South by:** Row house/Villament no 3.	**Smt .Shanthi Devi**
3.	All that piece and parcel of apartment bearing Flat No.201 in second floor with 2 car parking at Kalpavruksh Homes No.8 Municipal No 5, PID No.77-60-5, 1st Main Road, Ward No. 77, Chakravarthi Iyengar Extension, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru 560020 measuring North to South 40Feet, East to West 60Feet, Super Built up area 2400Sq Ft, Undivided Share of land 600 Sq ft. Bounded By **East by:** Dr. Prasanna Kumar House, **West by:**1ST main road Chakravarthi Iyengar extension/Layout **North By:** M R Sarojini Devi House, **South By:** Krishna Iyyengar House.	**Mr Dhanpal Sakaria**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 04.10.2025

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಜಿ. ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ನಸಚಿ/ತಾಶಾ/ಪಿಆರ್/98/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22.09.2025 ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಇವರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಟಿಪಿಪಿ 2000 ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **DMA/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT49450,** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಸೂಚನೆಗಳು ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **07.10.2025 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಸಂಜೆ 17:30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **09.10.2025 ರಂದು ಸಮಯ ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.**

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು, ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿಂತಾಮಣಿ

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿಕ್ಕಬಳ್ಳಾಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಓ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:223/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿಎ/2025–26

Karnataka Government

Social Welfare Department, Chitradurga

Govt Science College opp. B.D.Road Chitradurga 577501
Ph No: 08194-295954 e-mail : ddswdcta@gmail.com

No: DD/SWD/CTA/Foodtender/CR-01/2025-26
Date: 03-10-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Supplying food items and other essential materials to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pre-Matric and Post-Matric hostels being conducted in 06 taluks of Chitradurga district under the Social Welfare Department a tender has been invited at the district level through e-procurement for the year 2025-26. The details of the said tender are as follows.

1) Tender Number: SWD/2025-26/IND0346 Date: 03-10-2025
2) Tender Estimated Amount: 17,02,80,000/-
3) Tender Form Uploading Starting Date: 03-10-2025
4) Tender Pre Bid Meeting Date: 27-10-2025 / 11.00 am
5) Samples Submitting Last Date: 29-10-2025 / 5.00 pm
6) Tender Form Uploading Last Date: 03-11-2025 / 5.00 pm
7) Tender Technical Bid Opening Date: 05-11-2025 / 11.00 pm
8) Tender Financial Bid Opening Date: 06-11-2025 / 11.00 pm
9) Tender EMD Amount Rs. 17,02,800/-

DIPR/CTA/KSMCA/403/2025-26

Sd/- Deputy Director,
Social Welfare Department, Chitradurga.

PUBLIC NOTICE
FOR LOST OF DOCUMENT

I am issuing this public notice under the instructions of my client **SRI.J.S.AMANULLA SHARIFF,** S/o Sri.M.S.Jaffar Shariff, AADHAR NO.7374 1470 6893, R/at No.3333/5, 2nd Eidgha, Anegundi Road, Mandi Mohalla, Mysore, Karnataka – 570015, that he is the absolute owner of the Commercial Property bearing No.9, PID No.47-77-9, BBMP EPID No.1680698592, Situated at Lal Bagh Fort Road, Kalasipalya, Division No.42 (Old No.18, New Patnoolpet), New Ward No.47, Dhamarayaswamy Temple, Bangalore, measuring East to West 73 ½ feet and North to South 30 feet and bounded on East by : Conservancy Lane - New Patnoolpet Road, West by : Conservancy Lane, North by : House of Syed Sunna Saheb and South by : Koracharapalya Main Road (Lalbagh Fort Road).

It is hereby informing to the general public that, my client lost/misplaced the following original sale deed dated 17/10/1938 executed by Sri.T.Hernanna in favour of Sri.C.Abdul Basith, which was registered as No.906/1938-39 of Book 1, volume 436, in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore City, with respect to the said property.

My client **SRI.J.S.AMANULLA SHARIFF** undertaking that he has not pledged the said original document and not availed any loan/financial/credit facilities from any person/financial institution/Banks. For future perfection, clarification and to safeguard the legal rights of my client **SRI.J.S.AMANULLA SHARIFF,** I am issuing this public notice.

In this regard my client has lodged police complaint vide **Lost Article Report No.1833838/2025, dated: 04/10/2025**, before the jurisdictional Police. If any body found the said document, the same may be handed over at the below mentioned address.

Mrs.M.Manjula, Advocate
No.C-1, 1st Floor, Maruthi Pearl Plaza,
D.V.G.Road, Basavanagudi,
Bengaluru-560004. Mob : 9945027091.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Mrs.M Lakshmi W/o K Kannan** to bring the notice of the general public that the **Original registered release deed doc.No.BNG(U)SNGR-1188/1999-2000 of Book-I, date.14.07.1999** and **Original registered rectification deed Doc. No. 2379/1999-2000 of Book-I, at pages 144 – 146,** date.**12.10.1999,** executed by Sri.M Naser S/o Sri.T M Mustafa, **in favour of** Sri.M Farook and Sri.M Iqbal Hussain both sons of Sri.T M Mustafa are missing / lost / misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document or schedule property, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the immovable residential premises bearing **Municipal new No.32**, Situated at **7th Cross, Jaibhimanagar "A" Street, Bangalore,** measuring on the East:**37 feet or 11.27 Mtrs,** on the West: **37 feet or 11.27 Mtrs,** on the North: **12 feet or 3.65 Mtrs** and on the South: **26 feet 3 inches or 8.00 mtrs** and bounded on the:

East by : Property No.13, West by : Corporation drain & Muthappa's Land, North by : Road and South by : Sreeramaiahs property.

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
M : 7760061073

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the Public that Original Adjudicated General Power of Attorney dated 18.02.2012 executed by Sri.Kumaravel Subramani in favour of Sri. Umapathi has been lost, All the persons are hereby informed not to deal or carry out any transaction with anyone on the basis of the General Power of Attorney Document. If anyone has already carried out or being carried out kindly inform the undersigned in writing on the below mentioned address within 07 days from this present along with that Police complaint is also given vide Lost Report No. 1833319/2025.

Y. Sowmya Yadav, Advocate
Samvruddhi Legal, # 83, Ground Floor,
5th 'A' Cross, 21st Main, J.P. Nagar
2nd Phase, Bangalore-78. **M : 9916343921**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Smt.NALINI.M** w/o.Late. Bettaswamy & her son **DHANUSH.B.GANGATKAR** are intending to purchase the Schedule property from **Sri. B.L.MUKUNDA** s/o. Late.Lakkappa and the same being acquired vide, Sale Deed dated 20/08/2015 registered as Document No.NGB-1-03585/2015-16, in Book-I, stored in C.D.No. NGBD285, in the Office of Sub-Registrar Rajajinagar (Nagarbhavi), Bengaluru.

If any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the Schedule Property is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within Seven **(07) days** from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim and the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of Residential House Property bearing **Site No.46,** carved out of Sy.No.35/1, situated at Gidadakonenahalli, Muddanapalya Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, **BBMP EPID No.2420326708,** measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 35 feet, in all measuring 1050 Sq.ft **together with RCC roofed residential building** and bounded on:

East : Site No.47, West : Site No.45, North : Road, South : Site No.53

Shivakumar, Advocate
M/s. RASHI LEGAL
No.B2-1250/51, Manu Teja Towers, A Dasarahalli
Magadi Main Road, Bangalore (North) -560079
M-9538178060

Place: Bengaluru Dated: 5th October 2025

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Ministry of Finance
Department of Financial Services
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4th Floor, Telephone House,
Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

TRC NO. 562 / 2018

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
Koramangala Branch
100, KHB Colony, 5th Block,
Koramangala, Bangalore.
...Certificate Holder

Versus

M/s. Directions ... Defendants

DEMAND NOTICE

To,
1. M/s. Directions
A Sole Properietorship Concern,
Represented by its Sole Proprietor
Mr. Ben T Koshy S/o. T.G. Koshy,
Carrying on business at
600, 8th Block, Koramangala,
Bangalore - 560 095.
Also at : No. 202-B, Divya Jyothi Earth,
3rd Cross, Kasavanahalli Village,
Sy.No. 212, Varthur Hobli,
Bangalore South Taluk,
Bangalore - 560 033.
... Defendants

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 578 / 2016** passed by the **The Presiding Office, DRT, Bangalore** an amount of **Rs. 66,29,623/- (Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Three Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filling of O.A.s till realization of the Recovery Certificate.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay all charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovery the amount due.

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, falling whcih the recovery shall be made as per rules.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date **28th day of July, 2018.**

Recovery Officer - 2
Debts Recovery Tribunal - 2
Bangalore.

Note : Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below :

"Rule 16(1) where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money.

(2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment.

(3) You are also liable to disclose your assets both movable and immovable to this Tribunal along with the Income Tax Returns of last 5 year.

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION, BASAVA BHAVAN, BANGALORE: 560 001
APPEAL No. 2251/2023

Appellant :
1. Mr. Manjunath S/o Late Vijayakumar, Aged about 34 years, Ashraya Badavane, Kalyan Nagar, Door No. 171, Jyothi Nagar, Chikka Magalur-577102.
(By H. Sunil Kumar)

Respondent :
1. M/s. Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, bengaluru-560066.
2. Mrs. D.A. Kalpaja, Director, Vydehi Institute of Medical Science & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru- 560066.
3. Dr. G. Prabhakar, Principal, Vydehi Institute of Medical Science & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru- 560066.
4. Dr. G. Mohan, Medical Superintendent, Vydehi Institute of Medical Science & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066.
5. Dr. Anantha Kishan, Vydehi Institute of Medical Science & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066.
6. Dr. Rajesh R Raykar, Vydehi Institute of Medical Science & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066.
7. Dr. Guruprasad, Vydehi Institute of Medical Science & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066.
8. Dr. S.R. Patil, Vydehi Institute of Medical Science & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066.
(By Shri/Smt)

To,
02. **Mrs. D.A. Kalpaja, Director, Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre,** No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066.
03. Dr. G. Prabhakar, Principal, Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066.
04. Dr. G. Mohan, Medical Superintendent, Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, No.82, Nallurahalli, Near BMTC 18th Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru -560066.
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08. Dr. S.R. Patil, Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences & Research Centre, No.82. Nallurahalli Near BMTC 18 Depot Whitefield, Bengaluru-560066

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENTS No. 02 To 08 FOR HEARING OF APPEAL IN ENGLISH DAILY NEWS PAPER "THE HINDU" BENGALURU EDITION

Whereas the Appellant has filed the above appeal Challenging the order passed by the District Consumer Commission Bangalore 1st & Rural Addl. in Complaint No.154/2021 Pronounced by an order dated:13/10/2023. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized as per law to answer all the material question of facts and law relating to the Appeal on **10th Day of November Two Thousand and Twenty Five (10/11/2025) at 10:30 AM.**

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned above Appeal will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this **20th day of September Two Thousand and Twenty Five (20/09/2025)**

By order of the Commission.
ASST.REGISTRAR CUM
ASST.ADMN. OFFICER
K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE: 560001

Advocate for Appellant

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Ref:ARMB/510368/325/2025-26/VS

SALE NOTICE

Date: 03.10.2025

(Auction Sale Notice for Immovable properties)

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH RULES 8(6) & 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse" on ,22.10.2025** for recovery of **Rs 1,82,57,42,192.49 (Rupees One Hundred Eighty Two Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Forty Nine Only) as on 30/09/2025** plus further interest from **01-10-2025** due to the Secured Creditor from, **1. M/s Prasanna V Ghotage Rep by Proprietor Mr Prasanna V Ghotage 2. Mr. Prasanna V Ghotage 3. Mrs Vilasini V Ghotage 4. Mr H K Mariyappa S/o Kunjappa 5. Mr H K Muninanjappa S/o Kunjappa, 6. Mr H K Narayana Swamy 7. Mrs Amrutha M Subramani 8. M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd, 9. Mr H K Rajanna S/o Kunjappa,**.The reserve price will be **Rs.17,23,66,000 /- (Rupees Seventeen Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Only)** and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs. 1,72,36,600/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Two Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Only).**

1. Name and Address of the Secured Creditor: Canara Bank, ARM Branch, Panaji Goa

2. Name and Address of the Borrower: M/s Prasanna V Ghotage, Rep by Proprietor Mr Prasanna V Ghotage 1088/B, Prerana Homes, Hindwadi, Ranade Colony, Belgaum- 590 011. **Also at:** Mr Prasanna V Ghotage Proprietor of M/s Prasanna V Ghotage 202, Chidambar Nagar, Tilakwadi, Belgaum, Karnataka – 590 006. **Mrs Vilasini V Ghotage,** 1088/B, Prerana Homes, Hindwadi, Ranade Colony, Belgaum- 590 011. **Also at** Mrs Vilasini V Ghotage, 202, Chidambar Nagar,Tilakwadi, Belgaum, Karnataka – 590 006. **Mr H K Mariyappa,** S/o Kunjappa, No.33 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114. **Mr H K Muninanjappa,** S/o Kunjappa, No.33 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114. **a) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd,** No.311, Morya Estate, 3rd Floor, Andheri Link Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai -400 053 **Also at:- b) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd,** 1088/B, Prerana Homes, Hindwadi, Ranade Colony, Belgaum- 590 011 **Also at:- c) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd,** 33, 1st Floor, Crescent Road, High, Gorunds, Bangalore-560 001 **Also at:- d) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd,** Purushottam Nilaya, behind Azad Mill, Mahaveer Nagar, 3rd Cross, Chitradurga – 577 501 **Also at:- e) M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd,** Nizmar Center, Ground Floor, Opp Wisdom Book Depot, Panaji, Goa- 403 001

Mr H K Narayana Swamy, S/o Kunjappa, No.33 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114**. Mr H K Rajanna,** S/o Kunjappa, No.40 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114. **Mrs Amrutha M Subramani,** W/o Late H K Subramani No.431 Kote, Hosakote, Tq Bangalore Rural Dist.Karnataka-562114.

3 : Total liabilities as on 30-09-2025,1. M/s Prasanna V Ghotage - Rs. 64,38,07,796.50 (Rupees Sixty Four Crore Thirty Eight Lakh Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Six and Paise Fifty Only). 2. M/s Upsurge Multitrade Pvt Ltd - Rs. 1,18,19,34,395.99 (Rupees One Hundred Eighteen Crore Nineteen Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five and Paise Ninety Nine Only). 3. Thus total liabilities Rs 1,82,57,42,192.49 (Rupees One Hundred Eighty Two Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Forty Two Thousand One Hundred Ninety Two and Paise Forty Nine Only).

4 : e) Mode of Auction:E-Auction, f) Details of Auction service provider:BAANKNET (M/s PSBAlliancePvt.Ltd) https://baanknet.com/. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings

g) Date & Time of Auction:22.10.2025, 11:00 A.M to 12:00 NOON, h) Place of Auction:Online (https://baanknet.com)

5: Details of Properties:

All that part and parcel of land admeasuring 2 Acres 15 Guntas along with building constructed thereon bearing Khatha No.205/108 formed in converted Sy.No.108 situated in Dandupalya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluka, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka in the name of Mr. H K Mariyappa & others **bounded by:-North :** Old Madras Road,**South :** Private Property,**East :** Private Property,**West :** Private Property.

***WP No.22036/2019 wherein WA No.1874/2024 Pending before HC.**
***AS PER HC ORDER IN RFA NO: 2101/2022 STAY ORDER PENDING ON CONFIRMATION OF SALE ON ABOVE PROPERTY AND AUCTION SHALL BE SUBJECT TO RESULT OF APPEAL, NEXT DATE OF HEARING 27/10/2025**
***Since property is in symbolic possession physical demarcation of property yet to be ascertained on actual site.**
***E-swattu of the property not available.**
***NA Order not available on record.**

6. Reserve Price Rs.17,23,66,000 /- (Rupees Seventeen Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Sixty Six Thousand Only)

7. Earnest Money Deposit Rs. 1,72,36,600/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Two Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Only)

8. Property Inspection With prior permission from Authorised Officer

9. Other terms and conditions:a. The property/ies will be sold in **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "Without Recourse"** condition, including encumbrances if any. (There are no encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank. For details of encumbrance, contact the undersigned before deposit of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) referred to in 9(e) below).**b.** The properties will be sold above the Reserve Price.**c.** The property can be inspected with prior permission from Authorised Officer.**d.** Prospective bidders are advised to visit website **https://baanknet.com/** and register yourself on the e-auction platform and further ensure having valid KYC documents like PAN Card & Aadhaar and Aadhaar linked with latest Mobile number and also register with Digi locker mandatorily. For bidding in the above e-auction from **Baanknet.com portal (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd), you may contact the helpdesk support of Baanknet (Contact details 7046612345/ 8291220220 /9892219848 /8160205051, Email:support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com.**

e. The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of **Rs. 1,72,36,600/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Two Lakhs Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Only)** being of 10% of the Reserve Price in E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited (BAANKNET) portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentioned in the said **"challan"** on or before **21.10.2025 at 17:00 .**

f. Authorised officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of auction without assigning any reason thereof.

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RICH NAIR, graduate, 25 years, pretty and modern girl, raised in UK&USA seeks compatible remarriage proposals, from qualified boys with affluent family background. Call: 001–904–917–0301

Tamil BE Hindu Divorcee no issues 40 yrs IT Bangalore seeks Hindu Groom Divorcee/widower CNB. ndkp2025@outlook.com

WELL SETTLED groom for our daughter, 34, height 160cm, BBA. LLB(Hons), working in Delhi, Ph No: 9742735229

DIVORCEE

KIND, BEAUTIFUL 45, well–educated (UK PhD), soft–spoken professor. Seeks well–read, compatible groom. Caste no bar. Call/WA 9345 634 365.

DOCTOR

CHRISTIAN NADAR Girl 27 Fair MBBS Father Own Clinic Suitable Doctor Chennai or Any District:7358 638363

HINDU, 25 Years Doctor (PG) girl seeks Groom. Contact : 9677199925. CNB.

SEEKS Doctor Groom for a 28Yrs Naidu, Only child Dental Surgeon MDS, Mother- Govt. Doctor, Father- Retd Manager in Nationalised Bank. Caste No Bar. CT: 9994536542.

HINDU PALLAN Bride Doctor 29 Aswini Mesham Father Mother Doctor Seeks Doctor Bridegroom Pallan Caste Only. Cell: 9443151045 WPP, 9442924441 WPP

PG DOCTOR, BC, 27,174 cm Fair Good looking Seeks suitable MS MD M.Ch DM from unorthodox educated families. Contact. 7200365364

HINDU REDDY Fair, Slim PG Specialist Doctor 34/165 cms in Private Practice from Elite Family.Seeks Suitable Never Married Groom From Elite Family CNB CT:8925640111

TELUGU NAIDU Doctor Girl 91 Born MBBS, MD. Chennai. Seeking Suitable Doctor Groom. Contact: 80722 14843.

ENGINEER

SEEKING BRAHMIN groom for beautiful very fair brahmin vegetarian odia bride BTECH MBA 37 5'2" Senior Software Consultant Contact Parents 8249215963

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HINDU, NAIDU, 23yrs,tall, fair, BE only daughter of Senior Government official seeks alliance , whatsapp 8610192510.

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HINDI

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IAS, 28 yrs, Parents Rtd. Govt. employees,contact : shikhaanand999@gmail.com

TAMIL

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CHRISTIAN, RC, 35, BSc, Government, 20 lakhs. Ct 8138900487

CATHOLIC VELLALAR 32 /171, MBBS, MPH Step 1 passed in student visa, USA Seeks groom from USA. 9150153743

LOOKING FOR Christian Bridegroom for the girl working in USA aged 26. End time message.8939250457

CHRISTIAN, 31 ,Catholic, MS, private, 30 lakhs, 8137 003550.

CHRISTIAN, 26, Nadar, MD, Doctor, 10 lakhs, 8138 901281.

CHRISTIAN, RC, 31, MBA, 20 lakhs, private, 8138 900316.

CSI CHRISTIAN girl 28, B.Tech (Civil), MS (Stru Engg), Taiwan, Working in Taiwan, Willing to relocate, Looking for well–educated groom preferably Nadar. Contact: 82205 83936

CHRISTIAN, PILLAI, 36,M.Sc.,M Phil., Asst.Prof. Pondy,Seeks Groom FC/BC, below 39yrs. Ct: 98946-77892.

Catholic Vanniyar 27 Years MBA 166 cm Salem. Phone: 7540032705.

CHRISTIAN, CATHOLIC, 31, MS, private, 40lakhs. Contact : 8137003550

CHRISTIAN, 30, RC, MHRM, Private, 1crore. Contact : 8138900312

HINDU, 26, Nadar, CMA, UK, Business, 3 crores. Ct 8138900412

HINDU, 23, Gounder, B.Arch, Business, 10 crores. Ct 8138901281

CASTE NO Bar, 27yrs, MBBS, MS, Well Educated Family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 6385293227

GROOM WANTED Hindu Nadar, 29yrs, BE, MBA, 2.5lakhs pm, Elite business family. Ct: 9380791999 / 9841329471

HINDU NADAR. B.Tech, MBA, 26/166, Good Looking, Smart Entrepreneur Seeks Professionally Qualified Groom based in Mumbai/Chennai. 8424058261

HINDU ADI–DRAVIDAR MS/Doctor Girl 28Yrs Seeks Doctor with PG Degree Caste NoBar.Parents Doctor 9444651852

THEVAR, 31/164cm, Fair, Civil Servant (UPSC - IRMS (A) / Southern Railway), Native: Tirunelveli, Mother: DRO - Revenue Dept. seeks Groom, well educated family with Medical/ Civil Servant / Successful Entrepreneurs. Caste no bar from equal community. Ct: 94878 35626

CHENNAI BASED Mudaliar 28/166cm fair BE (EEE) GOI defence Commissioned Officer Seeks Bride Groom as GOI/PSU/ Defence Officer CNB. 8130306022

CNB, 27YRS, MBBS, MD Well Educated Family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 6385293227

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HINDU, THEVAR, 33, BE,Denmark, private, 60 lakhs, 7356 483111.

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TAMIL

HINDU SC AD, Poorattathi/ Meenam, Age 37, M.C.A Working in a MNC company, seeking Educated Groom from a good family background, below 40 Years from any Tamil Speaking Community. Contact: 9840107770, 9952930893.

Tamil Hindu SC, AD, 38/153cm Visagam, Government Job, First marriage, seeks suitable never married groom. Ct: 9600433867

MUDALIYAR, 27YRS, BE, MS, Elite business family in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Groom. Contact: 9176491777

COIMBATORE BASED elite, ultra rich family seeks alliance for their only daughter, age 25, 153cms, L.L.M from affluent Pillai/chettiar /mudaliar family from Coimbatore, Chennai, Bangalore. Ct 9787730325

HINDU NADAR, 23yrs, BE, MBA, Elite business family, Seeks suitable Groom. Contact: 9841329471/ 9380791999

SOZHIYAVELLALAR PILLAI Age 30 BE (CSE) Working in Pvt Sector Chennai, Seeks Groom Preferable from Pillai/Mudaliar Age 30–33, BE Working in IT Field, Employed in Chennai / India / Abroad. Ct Gowdhaman 9342276143

DIVORCEE WOMAN aged 45 years with 25 year old daughter seeks a caring & decently earning unmarried gentleman age below 50 years. 7550188356

HINDU, NADAR, 25, MA, Private, 30 lakhs. Contact: 8138009144

HINDU, 26, M.Tech, Pillai, 25 lakhs. Contact: 8137003246

SEEKING SUITABLE Alliance for my Sister, April 1978 born, not married BE, MS USA, Iyer, Kousigam Vadama. After marriage back to India. Ct: 9845034495/ 99671 11155

GROOM WANTED
Agamudi Mudaliyar 26/169
Punar Posa/ Mithuna BSC Cardiac technology working in Kuwait seek Boy
8939380530

SC / ST Community Girl (Hindu) 30/155 cm B.Tech (Chemical Engg) seeks groom from State Govt / Central Govt / Pvt organisation. Contact : 99692 28297 / 98196 30507

Iyer Bharatwaj Aswini 30 MTech MNC Bangalore 60 LPA seek Boys Contact: 9444822816

SC 40/165 M.Sc, M.P.H (USA) working in Jordan, looking for a suitable groom preferably working in Middle East. Caste and religion no bar.9884439700

TELUGU

WANTED TELUGU groom for our daughter from reputed corporate family. Age 33 – 34. WA 9894579061. No reps.

KAMMA NAIDU, 33yrs, M.Tech, Elite family in Hyderabad. Seeks Suitable Groom Contact: 9710093999

NAIDU 27/162 TELUGU/CHENNAI B.Tech MNC BANK seeking educated professional groom contact FATHER– 9445908221

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Contact:
RAVI SUNDARESAN (Father)
98416 01250

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URDU

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BRIDES WANTED

COSMOPOLITAN

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TAMIL

29YR 178CM 75kg MS UK Work in Autodesk Bangalore seeks Tamil RC working girl. Mob 9597259646

TAMIL MUSLIM 40/165, B.sc, MBA (Restaurant Manager, Pondy),Divorcee No Child, seeks bride. Ct:9345614467

TAMIL MUSLIM, 30/170, BE Mech Engineer in Auto OEM, Chennai seeks Tamil Muslim bride, Ct: 9444297042

CSI CHRISTIAN Nadar Tamil, BE, MS (USA), 30/173cm, working in USA, Seeks Suitable Bride. Ct: 9841234598

CHRISTIAN BRIDE GROOM, 25 yrs, height 180 cm, studied BE, MBA, annual income Rs 6 Lakhs, owns a house, employed in Chennai. Seeking God–fearing, educated working bride from a Pentecost /Roman Catholic background, especially Yadava, Pillai, or equivalent social status. Cont.99621 88367

TAMIL MUSLIM Age 26 Advocate Practicing in Chennai well educated & well settled family.Seeks Suitable professional bride Whatsup 7845136035

CHRISTIAN, 29, Australia, 2crore, M.Tech. Contact: 8138900487

HINDU, NAIDU, separated, 30, USA, Private, 50 lakhs. Contact 8138900139

HINDU, MUDHALIYAR, 28, MD, Doctor, 25lakhs. Contact 8138900312

TAMIL

NADAR DIVORCEE, 37 yrs, no Kids, M.E., Ph.D., Proff. Engg. College, Chennai 1 Lakh pm seeks suitable Bride. Caste No Bar. Ct: 9443269548

CASTE NO Bar, 28yrs, B.Tech, Elite industrial background in Chennai, Seeks Suitable Bride Cont:6385293227

HINDU SC AD Poosam Kadagam Rasi 33/168/DICE/BE(Pursuing)NLCI LTD/3.6L per Annum seeks suitable bride Contact: 9443084928

HINDU NADAR 29/178 B.E MBA well settled MNC Chennai seeks educated good looking bride.Cont:9445663691

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AGE 46, MBA, Viruchigam, Kettai, 1st Marriage, Chennai, Own House,. Wanted suitable Bride. 9383002003.

TAMIL YADAVA Boy, MBA, 37 Ayilyam, TCS Chennai seeks yadava bride within TN, Sozhia Vellalar, Mudaliyar bride considerable., Contact through Tamil. 9965673354, 7373386474.

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VANNIAKULAKSHTRIAR GROOM 43yrs, Divorced shortlived no issue. B.E, M.B.A(UK). Working in IT Company Chennai. 15laks/PA Contact: 9944928521, 9487935521.

HINDU NADAR, 28yrs, MBBS MD, 2lakhs pm, well educated Seeks Suitable Bride Contact:9380791999/ 9841329471

HINDU, PILLAI, 26, BE, Engineer, 40lakhs, 8138 900312

HINDU, 28, Yadav, Msc, private, 1crore, 8138009144.

AGAMUDAIYAR, UTHIRAM/KANNI 35/180, BE, HRM, Job at Canada, Canadian Citizen, Seeks BE,Nursing, any degree bride.CNB. Ct:9442993042

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BE VANNIYAR 43 Working in IT as PgM. Looking for bride from a decent, educated family. 9840196320

Hindu Maravar, 30, 160cm, Ayilyam, Kadagam, Qual: M.D. (Anesthesia), Job: Asst. Surgn. Govt Hospital,Native: Madurai. Looking for cultured homely understanding partner preferably MBBS/MD/MS. Contact: 8190027068, niruasoke@gmail.com

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BRIDE WANTED Rich Naidu 32yrs, B.Tech,working in Govt, well educated family in Chennai Contact:6385293227

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MUDALIAR 29 ME 178cm 20 Lacs P.A Smartlook Well Settled Family Seeks Bride CNB Ct. 8778514465/ 7200866346

PILLAI, SOZHIA Vellalar 40yrs, MBA, Manager, Pvt. 5 Lpa Divorcee, seeks suitable bride, CNB. Ct: 9952362396

TAMIL

SC (AD), 37yrs, MBA, Well Educated Family background, Seeks Suitable Bride. Contact: 9962791888

AGAMUDAYAR BARANI 32/192 MBA State Govt Employed, seek bride from Tanjavur, Pudukottai, Trichy 9840298572

MUDALIAR 29 BE Software Engineer Seeks Graduate Working Girl From Bangalore Contact 9353940454

RICH MUDALIYAR, 29yrs, MBBS, MS, Running own Educational Institutions, Seeks Suitable Bride Ct:6385293227

SAIVAPILLAI WIDOWER 53 BTech 170 cm Swathi one son Chennai seeks Divorcee /widow CNB Geetham 9884858014

PILLAI 33 B Arch 173cm Hastham Business Chennai seeks Suitable Bride CNB Geetham 9884858014

HINDU, PILLAI, 26, BE, Engineer, Canada,1 crore. Contact : 8138900412

HINDU, YADAV, 28, M.Tech, 2crore,UK. Contact : 7356483111

HINDU, USA, Thevar, 27, MS, Private, 5crore.Contact : 8138901294

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Ct: 8056229298

TAMIL

BRIDE WANTED
Tamil Brahmin, Vadakalai Iyengar Bharatwaja Gothram, Pooradam 64yrs/165cms. B.Tech (IIT), M.Tech (NIT) Civil Engineer, Southern Railway, 12 LPA, OwnHouse, Never Married Seeks Suitable Brahmin Bride
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Protestant Christian Bride Wanted
No Dowry | No Caste | No Broker Affluent Christian family Seeking a God-fearing, fair, tall, slim, good - looking, well-educated, and employed Christian girl for their son (Teetotaler, 27yrs / 182cm/ 12LPA), B.E (Mech), M.E (Energy), Design Engineer in MNC(JV), Chennai, originally from Tirunelveli.) Tamil Parents: Central/State Govt. officers, with 15 years abroad experience Sibling : Sister, Engineering student. Contact : **V. Christopher @ +91 9486815635 (Call / WhatsApp)**

Hindu 58yrs/165cm Central Govt. Jr. Engineer, Salary Rs.1.50 Lakhs/PM Never married, Own house, seeks Bride Divorcee or Widow. Ct:8778630870

SUITABLE BRIDE for 35 year male employed, Saiva Pillai, good package, clean habits. Caste no bar. Vegetarian. Bank employee / Teaching profession preferred. Contact: 9884053339

VANNIAR 38/165cms MS (Aero Eng), Manager Airport Authority of India Seeks Professional Degree Bride Contact : 78128 76681 / 86750 32147.

TELUGU

AGE 45 MCA Sadhayam,Kumbha rasi Fair Software Engineer seeks suitable Bride, caste no bar. PH: 9894670293

DIVORCED 49/167 Pvt Co, Bald head, No issues, 10 Acre agricultural land, Caste No Bar Chennai. 9790271078

Kamma Naidu BE, MS (USA) 29years Chennai seeks doctor bride from same caste, honourable family. 98404 46677

NAIDU 28/185 Handsome MBBS,MD, DM, MIOT, 3000000 PA, Elite Family, 40.Cr, CNB. 9043991629, 9043987029

URDU

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NADAR, 27, 174 cms, Commercial Pilot, Chennai. From a reputed professional family. Seeks a bride with family values, humour & interest in music/arts. Caste/Religion no bar. Contact: 6366448343

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DIVORCEE

SINCERE WIDOWER 50, 173cm, successful business owner, responsible father (2 sons, 21+). Seeks warm, understanding compatible bride. Religion/caste no bar. Call/WA 9345 634 365

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IYER DIVORCEE boy 50 SWE high salary seeks graduate girl without issues caste no bar simple marriage. Ct: 9841672014.

RICH NAIDU 43yrs/174cm, 69kg, Property worth 25Cr, Income 3 Lak/pm, Quali., Status & CNB. Ct: 9962996999

DOCTOR

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ENGINEER

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Vision group formed for developing 'C' category temples

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department has set up a vision group for making recommendations for developing infrastructure at 34,165 'C' category historical and ancient temples in the State.

The seven-member group consists members from diverse backgrounds, including K.E. Radhakrishna (educationist), K.C. Ramamurthy (former MP), and Shankuntala Shetty (former MLA).

The Budget for 2024-25 announced the constitution of the vision group to provide basic facilities to 'C' category historical temples without any income.

Minister for Hindu Religious Institutions and Charitable Endowments Department Ramalinga Reddy said the vision group would suggest to the department type of infrastructure required at temples which are in a dilapidated condition.

The group will also suggest ways to collect funds from donors for the renovation of temples, preparing a plan for renovation, mobilising funds under the CSR from various companies, and establishing coordination among various departments.

Govt. recruitment held up over caste certificate issue

Currently. the certificates only say SC with the candidate's respective sub-caste; after internal reservation notification, the documents need to reflect the category the SC candidate belongs to

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Police are prepared to start the recruitment process. K. MURALI KUMAR

Nearly two months after the State Cabinet approved and the government notified internal reservation among Scheduled Castes (SCs), the long-pending recruitment process is yet to take off as the State government has not yet issued guidelines for caste certificates to identify the category of an applicant among the SCs.

While many departments like the Karnataka Police and recruitment agencies like the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA), are fully prepared to start the recruitment process, they are being held back over the caste certificate issue. The government is slated to recruit 32,111 people across various departments.

Three categories

Following the H.N. Nagamohan Das report being submitted to the government, the State Cabinet accepted the report with modifications and issued an order to implement internal reservation among SCs grouping the communities into three categories - Category A (16 castes, 6%), Category B (19 castes, 6%), and Category C (63 castes, 5%).

Presently, the caste certificates issued only say SC with the candidate's respective sub-caste. However, after internal reservation, the certificates now need to reflect the category of the SCs' the candidate belongs to.

Proposals submitted

"In the last week alone, eight departments have submitted proposals for holding recruitment exams as per the new roster and clearance from the Finance Department. The process will be smooth only if the Revenue Department issues caste certificates reflecting the new categorisation among SCs. So, we are waiting for the government's guidelines in this regard," said Prasanna H., Executive Director, KEA.

"Recruitment was halted for about a year to implement internal reservation in the State. Thousands of job aspirants have been waiting. Months after the government has implemented internal reservation among SCs, it is not right to delay the recruitment process further," said Venugopal Maurya, State convener, Democratic Dalit Students' Federation, and he urged the government to remove all hurdles and start the recruitment process soon.

Draft submitted

Rakesh Kumar K., Commissioner, Social Welfare Department, said that the department had already submitted a draft proposal for issuing caste certificates reflecting the new categorisation under SCs to help internal reservation.

"The government is examining the proposal and will soon issue an official order with detailed guidelines," he said.

Organ-specific committees reconstituted for transparent, expert-driven transplants

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

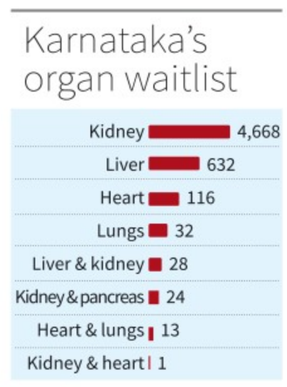
Karnataka's Health Department has reconstituted organ-specific advisory committees under the State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO - Jeevasarthakathe) to bring greater transparency, efficiency, and clinical expertise into the organ allocation and transplantation process.

Seven panels, each focusing on a specific organ - such as kidney, liver, heart, lung - have been reconstituted after the term of the previous committees ended in April.

Each committee - comprising experts in the relevant specialties from both government and private hospitals - will function for a three-year term.

"The requirements for allocation and transplantation differ from organ to organ. By having separate panels, decisions will be guided by evidence-based clinical criteria and specialist judgment rather than a one-size-fits-all approach," Naushad Pasha, Chief Transplant Coordinator at SOTTO, told *The Hindu*.

According to a government order (GO) issued in this regard on October 3, 2025, the primary responsibilities of the reconstituted committees include registering beneficiaries under specified categories (general and emergency), advising on the suitability and eligibility of donated organs, resolving issues related to allocation, providing guidance on allocation policies, identifying and classifying marginal donors, and recommending inter-zonal organ sharing in select cases.



Additionally, the committees will play a crucial role in guiding and assisting the process of brain death declaration, offering advice on certification, and providing technical support to hospitals and transplant teams.

Immunology and pathology

Apart from organ-specific, brain death and infectious diseases advisory committees, the State for the first time has set up an immunology and pathology advisory committee.

"The panel will evaluate blood groups, tissue types, and immune markers to ensure that organs are transplanted safely and successfully, minimising the risk of rejection," Mr. Pasha said.

Similarly, the infectious diseases advisory committee will examine donor organs for infectious diseases, malignancies, or pathological conditions that may affect transplant outcomes.

Second highest donations

Karnataka has been among the more proactive States in strengthening the deceased donor programme in recent years. Karnataka SOTTO has facilitated 154 organ donations this year (from January till date) - the second highest in the country this year after Tamil Nadu. Karnataka had recorded 162 and 178 donations in 2024 and 2023 respectively.

Officials said the new structure will improve accountability. "The aim is to ensure that every decision on allocation is transparent, traceable and in compliance with the law. Experts will deliberate on clinical factors while allocation remains strictly according to guidelines," Mr. Pasha added.

NDRF grants not being used for guarantees: CM

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has categorically stated that NDRF grants were not being utilised for implementation of guarantee schemes, as alleged by Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R. Ashok.

Speaking to pressperson in Belagavi on Saturday, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the success of the guarantee schemes had rattled BJP leaders, and such statements were born out of a fear of losing out.

"Rattled by the success of guarantee schemes, they have replicated the same in Bihar, Delhi, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, and Haryana. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had said that implementation of guarantee schemes was impossible. But Congress government walked the talk," he said.

Reacting to MLC C.T. Ravi's comment on change of Chief Minister, he said that the post is an internal matter of the Congress, and the BJP need not break its head over it.

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> **SIDDARAMAIAH,** Chief Minister

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that he had laid the foundation stone for BIMS super specialty hospital in Belagavi in the year 2017. "However, during the previous BJP regime, the work was not implemented. Now, I am happy to have inaugurated the project for which I had laid the foundation stone," he said.

BSNL Karnataka celebrates silver jubilee

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Karnataka Circle, commemorated its silver jubilee on October 1, marking 25 years of service.

N. Sujatha, chief general manager, inaugurated the celebrations in the presence of senior officials, union leaders, and representatives from various associations.

As part of the month-long celebrations, BSNL will organise a series of activities, including roadshows, walkathons, and customer outreach programmes across the State to engage with the public and promote its services.

Wooday P. Krishna gets 2023 KSTA Fellowship

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Wooday P. Krishna, honorary-secretary of Seshadripuram Educational Institutions, has been conferred the Fellowship for 2023 by the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), under the Department of Science and Technology,.

The fellowship entitles Dr. Krishna to participate in all academy programmes and nominate distinguished scientists, technologists, and science communicators of Karnataka origin for awards and fellowships across 12 domains.

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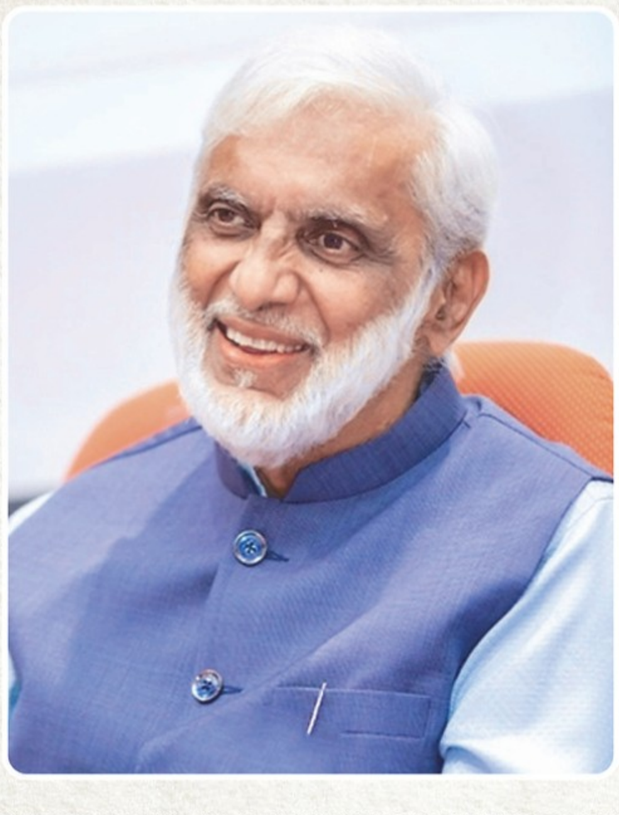

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The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said that Bengaluru has collected ₹1 crore in fines from people dumping garbage, including single-use plastics. He said that a city-wide campaign will be launched to tackle the garbage problem.

"Officials are quickly repairing potholes and damaged roads across the five municipal corporations. Garbage has increased after the Dasara holidays. We will conduct a campaign to address this. The police have been told to identify people dumping construction waste and other garbage and take action. Construction debris will be removed quickly to keep the city clean," Mr. Shivakumar said.

On overhead cables, he said, "TV cables hanging on Bescom poles are spoiling the city's look. Another meeting with Minister K.J. George will be held to fix this. No one is helping to move cables underground in ducts. The Chief Minister will hold a meeting to provide 4 lakh electricity connections."

On public dustbins, he added, "I have asked commissioners to report on this. GBA and the five Commissioners will study how other cities manage waste and provide suggestions. People are dumping garbage on roadsides. We will take steps to prevent this." He mentioned that the garbage collection vehicles will be increased.

Former Sabarimala staffer under Vigilance scanner

Unnikrishnan Potti is at the centre of a controversy over the alleged 'misappropriation and manipulation' of gold-plated copper foil covering the temple's stone carvings and sculptures

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) Vigilance wing has reportedly recorded the statement of Unnikrishnan Potti, a former helper at the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple, who is at the centre of a controversy concerning the alleged "misappropriation and manipulation" of gold-plated copper foil covering the temple's stone carvings and sculptures.

A senior TDB official told *The Hindu* in Kottayam that the wing had summoned Mr. Potti to the Board's headquarters in Thiruvananthapuram late on Saturday. However, he lacked more information.

A senior Devaswom official says the Vigilance wing had summoned the staffer to the Board's headquarters late on Saturday. FILE PHOTO

The TDB Vigilance had earlier questioned Mr. Potti concerning the removal of the gold plates ostensibly for restoration in workshops in Hyderabad and Chennai in 2019 and 2025.

According to officials, the government has reportedly sought legal opinion for a police investigation, possibly by the Crime Branch. Devaswom Minister V.N. Vasavan and TDB President P.S. Prasanth had signalled that the Board's standing counsel in the High Court will seek the court's permission for a criminal inquiry.

According to police sources, the TDB Vigilance wing lacks the legal authority to make arrests or seizures. Its role is confined mainly to internal auditing and reporting malpractices and corruption in the TDB to the government for further action.

The police officials say the government will likely weigh a Crime Branch inquiry or form a special investigation team with the High Court's sanction.

An official pointed out that the law empowered the State law enforcement to pursue investigations outside their territorial jurisdiction, as per established procedure, including the sanction of the local magistrate to make arrests or seizures.

Board to move Kerala HC for probe

The Hindu Bureau
PATHANAMTHITTA

Alleging deliberate attempts to malign the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) and the sanctity of the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple, the Board decided to approach the Kerala High Court seeking a comprehensive investigation into discrepancies in the weight of gold plated at Sabarimala since 1998 and the alleged misuse of the temple under the guise of sponsorship.

Board sent the sheets for repair based on a warranty assured by the sponsor

In an official statement on Saturday, the Board said it was for the court to decide the nature and scope of such an investigation. It emphasised that the gold-plated sheets were sent to Chennai for repairs strictly following prescribed protocols and that the gold weight of the 14 sheets increased from 397 gm to 407 gm after the work was completed.

The Board noted that following the repairs of 2019, a 40-year warranty was assured for these sheets by Smart Creations and the sponsor. This warranty was the basis on which the TDB requested the sponsor in 2025 to carry out the repairs.

Dismissing allegations of misappropriation of 4 kg of gold, the Board said such unfounded claims were intended to tarnish its image and undermine the sanctity of the temple.

The Board had partnered with NIC Chennai to develop specialised software to digitally document all temple valuables, including the Thiruvabharanam, in a secure cloud-based system. These records would also be presented to the court, the statement said.

'₹203 cr. for Kempegowda memorials and urban design college'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar on Saturday said that a total of ₹203 crore is set aside for projects honouring Bengaluru's founder, Nadaprabhu Kempegowda.

Speaking at Vidhana Soudha, he said ₹103 crore has been reserved for the development and restoration of all Kempegowda memorials, while ₹100 crore has been set aside for establishing a College of Urban Design in Kempegowda's name.

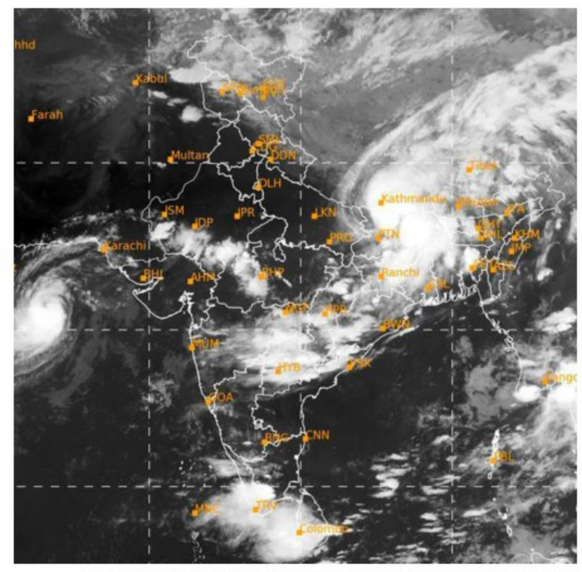
Mr. Shivakumar informed that nearly 50% of the restoration work at Magadi Fort has been completed. "To ensure better coordination, a dedicated committee will be formed. At Kempegowda's samadhi site, 10 acres of land is being acquired, and about 90 per cent of the process is complete. Funds have been earmarked for this as well," he stated.

He further said that the proposed Urban Design College will accommodate around 300 students. The government is in discussions with Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) to adopt its curriculum.

Highlighting Bengaluru's growing demand for urban planners, Mr. Shivakumar said students graduating from the college will be considered for employment in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) and municipal bodies.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.9	25.7	Kozhikode	—	34.0	26.3
Ahmedabad	—	34.2	25.0	Kurnool	—	33.2	24.2
Aizawl	4	32.4	21.2	Lucknow	3	31.1	24.2
Allahabad	19	30.6	24.2	Madurai	—	34.5	23.1
Bengaluru	—	26.0	21.4	Mangaluru	—	30.9	24.6
Bhopal	—	32.4	22.8	Mumbai	4	31.6	24.3
Bhubaneswar	—	33.1	25.4	Mysuru	—	29.0	20.0
Chandigarh	—	33.8	23.2	New Delhi	—	34.0	24.6
Chennai	—	34.1	25.2	Patna	32.9	28.0	26.4
Coimbatore	—	31.2	24.4	Port Blair	—	31.0	24.2
Dehradun	0.4	32.2	21.3	Puducherry	—	30.4	21.8
Gangtok	2	19.5	16.9	Pune	—	33.1	22.9
Goa	—	31.5	24.9	Raipur	10.6	29.0	24.6
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Hyderabad	—	31.2	23.1	Shimla	—	26.6	16.8
Imphal	—	29.5	23.7	Srinagar	—	23.3	9.9
Jaipur	—	34.2	25.2	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.9	26.0
Kochi	—	32.4	26.8	Tiruchi	—	31.3	24.6
Kohima	6	23.6	16.8	Vijayawada	—	35.4	25.9
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(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	6	18	53	43	93	
Bengaluru	6	37	33	—	79	
Chennai	9	16	57	42	48	
Delhi	18	66	51	157	217	
Hyderabad	7	26	38	89	62	
Kolkata	10	18	37	59	57	
Lucknow	7	41	74	74	62	
Mumbai	21	10	19	71	71	
Pune	—	45	59	28	59	
Visakhapatnam	8	62	27	100	120	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 227 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 10

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

2 BRS MLAs questioned

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

The cross examination of two BRS MLAs Gudem Mahipal Reddy and Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy, accused of defecting to the Congress concluded in the presence of Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad on Saturday. Advocates representing the BRS petitioners questioned the MLAs who apparently said that they met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for constituency development and they have not to defected as alleged.

The next hearing will be on October 24.

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INTERVIEW NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates to fill up the following of Teaching posts for Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences and Rajiv Gandhi Super Specialty Hospital, Raichur as shown below.

Sl.No	Post Details	No. of Posts
1	Professor (RGSSH)	04
2	Associate Professor (RGSSH)	01
3	Assistant Professor (RIMS & RGSSH)	35
	Total Posts	40

The details of the eligibility, age, qualifications, experience & reservation for posts and other details can be seen in the website: www.rimsraichur.karnataka.giv.in.

Sd/- Director
Raichur Institute of Medical Sciences, Raichur

DIP/RCR/451/KSMC&A/452/2025-26

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IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-55/1024/2025-26 **Date: 04.10.2025**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Civil Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the the following works as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Works : Resurfacing of selected reaches desiliting of drains, Median Painting & road marking at 45M wide road no.1 of Hi-tech Defence and Aerospace park, Phase-1, Bengaluru Rural District. (Reserve for SC).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **29.10.2025** upto **4.00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3107/Zen/2025-26

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TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in Two Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works.

Sl. No	Description of works	Approx. Estimated Cost (Rs. In Lakh)	EMD (Rs. In Lakh)	Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon)
1	Construction of Government College of Nursing at Yelburga in Koppal District.	782.00	11.73	11 Months
2	Construction of Government College of Nursing at Jewargi in Kalaburagi District.	782.00	11.73	11 Months
3	Construction of Government College of Nursing at Yadgir in Yadgir District.	782.00	11.73	11 Months

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **04.11.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **05.11.2025 at 16.01 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP portal platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and tender processing fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPPP platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: (1) All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids / individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule / contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on KPP portal.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the land bearing various survey numbers i.e Sy. nos. 183/2, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190/2, 191, 190/3 or 248 and 60/3 located at Pandaravalli and Jagara Village, Jagara Hobli, Chikmagalur Taluk, known as **MITLYKHAN ESTATE** morefully mentioned in the schedule hereunder and hereinafter collectively called as **'Schedule Property'**, from its present owner and accordingly a letter of intent is also signed by the owner and our client on 27.08.2025. The details of the Schedule Property together with the name of the present owner are morefully set out in the **Schedule** hereinbelow.

Any person/s having objection/s to the above mentioned transaction or any person/s claiming to have any manner of right, title, interest, claim or demand in relation to owner and/or the Schedule Property or any part thereof, may lodge his/her/their statement/s, objection/s and/or claim/s in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, with the undersigned, **within 7 (Seven)** days from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of any genuine and/or rightful objections and/or claims, our client will proceed to finalize and conclude the proposed transaction of purchase of the Schedule Property by way of an outright sale from the present owners, as if no claim/s or objection/s exist and that they have been consciously waived and abandoned by such person/s forever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of lands measuring about 178 acres 06 guntas of land comprised in various survey numbers all located at Pandaravalli and Jagara Villages, Jagara Hobli, Chikmagalur Taluk and bounded by Thirumai Estate and govt. Forest in North, Camrose Estate in South west, Walagundi Estate in South East and details are as follows:

Sl. No.	Survey No.	Extent (excluding kharab)	
		Acre	Guntas
1	183/2	03	16
2	184	22	36
3	185	18	25
4	186	33	28
5	187	05	08
6	188	34	35
7	189	02	28
8	190/2	05	12
9	191	14	15
10	190/3 or 248	25	0
11	60/3	12	21
TOTAL		173	224

Date: 04, October, 2025
Place: Bengaluru

For Bojanna K.J., Advocate
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From Page One

Hold Bihar polls in a few phases, parties urge EC

The Opposition demanded that the EC reveal the number of Form-6 (claims and objections) submissions for new (first-time) voters and re-inclusion separately.

The BJP, meanwhile, urged the EC to ensure that polling dates were scheduled within 28 days after the announcement of polls.

The EC urged the parties to ensure that they nominate agents at every polling booth.

Several new initiatives of the EC, such as finishing counting of postal votes before completing the EVM count and provisions related to Form 17C, were widely appreciated.

The national parties which participated are the Aam Aadmi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party, Bharatiya Janata Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Congress, and National People's Party. The Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist), the Janata Dal(U), the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), the RJD, the Rashtriya Lok Janshakti Party and the Rashtriya Lok Samata Party are the regional parties.

The Vikassheel Insaan Party, led by Mukesh Sahani, and Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular), led by Jitan Ram Manjhi, were not invited because they are non-recognised parties.

After the meeting, the EC held a separate meeting with District Election Officers (DEOs) and senior State police officials, including Divisional Commissioners, Inspectors-General, and Deputy Inspectors-General, Senior Superintendents and Superintendents of Police.

M.P. and Kerala ban cough syrup brand

However, the Union Health Ministry had on Friday ruled out that the syrup samples contained DEG or ethylene glycol (EG).

The Ministry said that six samples were collected by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO) and testing found that all six were found to be free of DEG and EG. Simultaneously, the Madhya Pradesh FDA had said that out of 13 samples collected by their team, three were analysed and found to be free of DEG/EG.

Additionally, the multidisciplinary team comprising of experts from the National Institute of Virology, the Indian Council of Medical Research, the National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, the CDSCO and the All India Institute Of Medical Sciences, Nagpur, are still analysing the various samples and studying the cause of deaths in and around Chhindwara in M.P..

The order by the M.P. government, issued by Dinesh Kumar Maurya, Food and Drugs Administration Controller, cited the test report from T.N. and said the samples were found to contain 48.6% of DEG, "which is a poisonous substance that may render contents injurious to health". The order asked officials to seize batches of the syrup available in the market and send samples for testing.

DEG and EG are industrial solvents used in antifreeze, paints, brake fluids, and plastics. Sometimes, they contaminate pharmaceutical ingredients such as glycerine, often due to poor oversight or suppliers using cheaper industrial-grade material.

Israel 'eases Gaza strikes' after Trump's peace push

"The movement announces its approval for the release of all hostages – living and remains – according to the exchange formula included in President Trump's proposal," Hamas said in a Friday statement.

Mr. Trump later posted on Truth Social: "Based on the Statement just issued by Hamas, I believe they are ready for a lasting PEACE. Israel must immediately stop the bombing of Gaza, so that we can get the Hostages out safely and quickly!"

Mr. Trump, later on Saturday, warned Palestinian group Hamas to "move quickly" and agree to a peace deal with Israel or risk further devastation in Gaza. "Hamas must move quickly, or else all bets will be off. I will not tolerate delay, which many think will happen, or any outcome where Gaza poses a threat again," Mr. Trump posted on his Truth Social page. "Let's get this done, FAST."

He also expressed appreciation that "Israel has temporarily stopped the bombing in order to give the Hostage release and Peace Deal a chance to be completed."

A senior Hamas official said on Saturday the group was "ready to begin negotiations immediately to finalise all issues". Another Hamas official said Egypt, a mediator in the truce talks, would host a conference for Palestinian factions to decide on Gaza's post-war future.

"President Trump's demand to stop the war immediately is essential to prevent serious and irreversible harm to the hostages," the Hostages and Missing Families Forum said in a statement.

"We call on Prime Minister (Benjamin) Netanyahu to immediately begin efficient and swift negotiations to bring all our hostages home."

But despite Mr. Trump's appeal, Gaza's civil defence agency earlier said Israel carried out dozens of attacks on Gaza City overnight, with nearby hospitals reporting casualties.

"It was a very violent night, during which the [Israeli army] carried out dozens of air strikes and artillery shelling on Gaza City and other areas in the Strip, despite President Trump's call to halt the bombing," spokesperson Mahmud Bassal said.

Modi lauds Trump leadership in Gaza, Hamas response on truce

PM's welcome of U.S. proposal is part of efforts to improve India-U.S. ties, say experts; the 20-point proposal wants Hamas to release hostages, return remains of those who died in captivity, while Israel will call ceasefire, release about 2,000 Palestinians

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

On edge: India-U.S. ties have been under a strain for months over a number of issues, including tariffs and the trade agreement. REUTERS

Praising U.S. President Donald Trump for his "leadership", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday welcomed signs that the U.S.'s Gaza peace proposal may make headway on hostage release.

The Prime Minister was reacting to a statement by the Palestinian militant group Hamas, shared by Mr. Trump, that said it was willing to discuss the release of all remaining hostages held since October 2023. Mr. Modi's statement came a few hours after Mr. Trump released a video thanking Arab and Islamic countries who had helped mediate the discussions and called upon Israel to "stop the bombing of Gaza".

"We welcome President Trump's leadership as peace efforts in Gaza make decisive progress. Indications of the release of hostages mark a significant step forward," Mr. Modi posted on Saturday morning, adding that India would continue to "strongly support all efforts towards a durable and just peace", while tagging Mr. Trump's social media accounts.

This is Mr. Modi's second statement on the U.S. proposal. On September 30, he had also welcomed the announcement of Mr. Trump's "Comprehensive Plan to end the Gaza Conflict", calling it a "viable pathway to long-term and sustainable peace, security and development for the Palestinian and Israeli people, as also for the larger West Asian region".

He had also issued the statement over social media in all official UN languages – Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish, as well as Hebrew, in a move aimed at maximising its reach.

The Ministry of External Affairs declined to comment on whether India had been taken into confidence over the U.S.'s proposal or has discussed taking part in the Gaza reconstruction project thus far.

On Friday, the MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal responded to specific questions on the issues by referring to Mr. Modi's posts.

"We would, like other stakeholders, [want] all concerned to come together and strengthen this effort, so that the conflict comes to an end and there is enduring peace in place," Mr. Jaiswal said.

Experts said that Mr. Modi's vigorous welcome of the proposal, and praise of Mr. Trump have as much to do with Gaza as they are an effort to improve India-U.S. relations that have been under a strain for months over a number of issues, including tariffs and the trade agreement.

Mr. Trump was also visibly upset when the Modi government countered his claims on mediating an end to the India-Pakistan conflict in May, and unlike Pakistan, has not nominated the U.S. President for a Nobel peace prize, as Mr. Trump has repeatedly said he deserves the honour for ending a number of global conflicts.

New Delhi has also watched with unease the growing role of Pakistan in the West Asian arena, including the Saudi-Pakistan defence pact announced last month, and Mr. Trump's inclusion of Pakistan along with Indonesia, Turkiye, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and other countries that he consulted with on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly, before announcing his peace proposal.

Indian companies could also be invited to take part in the reconstruction process, Israel's Ambassador to India Reuven Azar has suggested, and New Delhi would not want to seem remiss in praising the U.S. effort, the experts, who did not want to be named, said.

The U.S.'s 20-point proposal, released along with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, stipulates that Hamas would release all hostages and return the remains of those who died in captivity, while Israel will call a ceasefire and release about 2,000 Palestinians, including women and children, detained since October 2023.

It then goes on to propose the transfer of power from Hamas to a transitional government made up of Palestinian technocrats, and International Stabilisation Force (ISF) to take over security in Gaza, and a "Board of Peace" headed by Mr. Trump to oversee the reconstruction.

While the Hamas statement issued on Friday said it was prepared to begin talks for the process of hostage release, and it would hand over power to a Palestinian transitional government, it has not responded to the other proposals so far.

After over 2 years, Postal Dept. restores services in Churachandpur

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Postal services have resumed in conflict-scarred Manipur's Churachandpur district after more than two years, Postal Department officials said on Saturday.

Mail and other postal services were suspended in the district after ethnic clashes broke out between the Kuki-Zo and Meitei communities on May 3, 2023.

Officials said a mail van reached Churachandpur town, the district headquarters, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday. It unloaded letters, parcels, and other consignments before leaving for the State's capital, Imphal, more than an hour later.

"The resumption of mail and other postal services is an encouraging step toward normalcy in Manipur," a State government official said.

State's ethnic clashes

More than 250 people were killed and 62,000 others were displaced by the conflict, which continued for months.

The State has been relatively peaceful since the imposition of President's Rule on February 13, four days after Nongthombam Biren Singh resigned as the Chief Minister.

No discussions with Maoists until they lay down weapons: Amit Shah

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

High-profile visit: Amit Shah visits stalls during Swadeshi Jagran Manch's 'Bastar Dussehra Mahotsav' in Jagdalpur on Saturday. PTI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday ruled out talks with Maoists until they laid down weapons and accepted the government's surrender and rehabilitation policy.

The Home Minister's assertion comes against the backdrop of multiple letters attributed to different factions of the Maoists recently, purportedly expressing divergent views on holding talks with the government after conditionally laying down arms.

"Some people have called for talks [with Maoists]. Let me make it clear again that both the Chhattisgarh and Central governments are committed to development across Bastar and all Naxal-affected areas. What is there to talk about? A beneficial surrender-and-rehabilitation policy has been put in place. Come forward and lay down your weapons," said Mr. Shah at a public meeting in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Chhattisgarh's Bastar district.

He was addressing a gathering that had come to attend the traditional 'Bastar Dussehra Lokotsav', and a 'Swadeshi Mela' organised by RSS-affiliated Swadeshi Jagran Manch.

Reiterating the deadline of March 2026 that the Union government has set for eliminating Maoism from the country, the Home Minister warned the Maoists of security actions.

"If you take up arms and try to disrupt the peace of Bastar, our armed forces, CRPF, and Chhattisgarh Police will give a befitting reply. March 31, 2026, is the date set to bid farewell to Naxalism from this country," he said.

Mr. Shah also took a swipe at those who dubbed Naxalism as a "fight for development".

"Some people in Delhi used to spread misinformation for years that the birth of Naxalism was for the fight for development. But I have come to tell my tribal brothers that the entire Bastar has been deprived of development. The root cause of this is Naxalism," he said.

The Minister said that basic amenities such as electricity, drinking water, roads, and toilets in every house, health insurance up to ₹5 lakh, and 5kg free rice had reached every village in India but Bastar, as he blamed Maoism for the same.

He also appealed to the tribals in the region to persuade the youth of their villages to lay down arms.

"They should shun violence, join the mainstream, and become part of the development of Bastar," the Union Home Minister added.

'Russia's jet deal with Pak. is failure of PM's brand of diplomacy'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Jairam Ramesh

Govt. must explain why Russia ignored New Delhi's appeals and proceeded to supply jet engines to Pak., Jairam Ramesh asked in an X post

The Congress on Saturday said the Narendra Modi government must explain why Russia, one of India's most reliable strategic ally, has ignored New Delhi's appeals and proceeded to supply advanced RD-93MA engines to Pakistan's fleet of Chinese-made JF-17 fighter jets.

In a post on social media platform X, Congress general secretary (communications) Jairam Ramesh said it was a failure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's personalised brand of diplomacy and Mr. Modi's diplomacy prioritises image-building and global spectacle over national interests.

'Russia ignored Delhi'

In his post, Mr. Ramesh said the government must explain why Russia, which was once India's most reliable strategic ally, has chosen to ignore New Delhi's appeals and is proceeding to supply advanced RD-93MA engines to Pakistan.

"The latest Block III variant of this aircraft will feature the upgraded engine and the same PL-15 missiles believed to have been used against our country during Operation Sindoor. The IAF chief has also stated that the JF-17 may be among the Pakistani fighters that were used against us," Mr. Ramesh added.

The Congress leader said multiple news reports suggest that this deal is moving forward despite direct interventions by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in June 2025.

"The government owes the nation an explanation as to why a long-time and trusted partner like Russia is now providing military support to Pakistan, even as India continues to purchase S-400 missile systems and negotiates for Su-57 stealth fighters from Moscow," he said.

"This development underscores yet another failure of Prime Minister Modi's personalised brand of diplomacy, which prioritises image-building and global spectacle over national interests," Mr. Ramesh added.

The Congress communications chief claimed that that "years of high-profile summits, choreographed photo opportunities with hugs, and grandstanding on the world stage have failed to yield substantive outcomes".

"India remains unable to diplomatically isolate Pakistan. Instead, Pakistan's leadership – including its Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir, whose communally poisonous statements provided the immediate backdrop to the Pahalgam terror attack – is being courted very warmly by President Donald Trump and supplied weapons by President Vladimir Putin, all [the] while enjoying unqualified backing from China during Operation Sindoor," the Congress leader added.

Ladakh's land, jobs, livelihood to remain protected, says Chief Secretary Kotwal

Peerzada Ashiq
LEH

Life goes on: A woman sells vegetables at a market in Leh amid relaxation in curfew orders on Thursday. PTI

The Ladakh administration on Saturday said that 30 of the 70 youth detained over the September 24 protests in Leh have been released. He said land resources, jobs and livelihood would remain protected in the region.

"We will ensure youngsters are not put to any hardship and no innocent misguided is implicated," Pawan Kotwal, Chief Secretary of Ladakh, said.

He said 40 youth, who are in judicial custody, would be released upon court orders.

Leh Bar Association member advocate Dorjay Gyaltsan said, "The magisterial inquiry into the Leh violence is not going in the right direction. Detainees are being harassed."

In an oblique reference to detained activist Sonam Wangchuk, Mr. Kotwal said, "Certain elements with a premeditated approach worked to derail the [talks] process, continued the hunger strike, misled people and created a law and order situation, which resulted in unfortunate loss of four precious lives," he said. The probe would prove the same, he added.

Mobile Internet continued to remain suspended in Leh on Saturday. Schools have reopened up to primary level but higher classes remain suspended, officials said.

Buddhist priest Kushok Thiksey, who is the Head Lama and a former Member of Parliament, urged the administration to resolve public concerns with restraint and empathy.

Modi launches ₹62,000-crore schemes targeted at Bihar youth

Prime Minister says the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government has improved the State's education and employment sectors; he criticises the RJD's past rule, saying it left the State's education system in a poor condition and forced people to migrate

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launching youth-focused initiatives through video conferencing from New Delhi on Saturday. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar and other leaders were part of the event in Patna. ANI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched various youth-focused initiatives estimated at more than ₹62,000 crore, with a focus on poll-bound Bihar, from New Delhi.

Taking a dig at the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), Mr. Modi said that Bihar was in a "poor state" of education during the party's tenure, which led to large-scale migration from the State.

He praised the Nitish Kumar-led NDA government for improving the situation and setting Bihar on the path to progress.

Mr. Modi remarked that the current generation might not fully grasp how the education system in Bihar had been devastated during the Opposition's rule two-and-a-half decades ago.

Launching a sharp attack on the tenure of Lalu Prasad, Mr. Modi said, "During the RJD rule, Bihar's condition had become like a rotten tree. In that era, neither schools opened, nor did children go to study, and lakhs of people had to leave Bihar and migrate to other places such as Varanasi, Delhi, and Mumbai in search of employment."

Restoring order

He said the people of Bihar entrusted Mr. Kumar with the responsibility of governance and that the coalition government had collectively worked to restore derailed systems.

Praising the State government, Mr. Modi said that the government led by Mr. Kumar had named the skilled university after Karpoori Thakur.

He said Karpoori Thakur dedicated his entire life to public service and the expansion of education, consistently advocating for the uplift of the most disadvantaged sections of society.

Mr. Modi said the Bihar government had taken new resolves for the State's development and had decided to double the number of people getting employment in the next five years as compared with the past 20 years.

He affirmed that these initiatives were a guarantee for a brighter future for Bihar's youth. Mr. Modi stressed that the governments at the Centre and State were consistently working to modernise Bihar's educational institutions.

He launched the revamped Mukhyamantri Nishchay Swayam Sahayata Bhatta Yojana, under which nearly five lakh graduates would receive a monthly allowance of ₹1,000 each for two years, along with free skill training.

He also launched the redesigned Bihar Student Credit Card Scheme, which will provide interest-free education loans of up to ₹4 lakh, significantly easing the financial burden of higher education.

Mr. Modi inaugurated the Bharat Ratna Jan Nayak Karpoori Thakur Skill University and the Bihta campus of the NIT, Patna.

He also laid the foundation stone for new academic and research facilities at four universities in Bihar.

'Stealing the honour'

Mr. Modi took a veiled swipe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who is often lauded as *'Jan Nayak'*, an honorific associated with the Extremely Backward Class (EBC) leader and former Bihar Chief Minister Karpoori Thakur.

Without mentioning anyone's names, he said, "The people of Bihar should be vigilant to attempts by some to 'steal' the honour of Karpoori Thakur *ji*. He was not bestowed the title of *Jan Nayak* by social media trolls, but it is a reflection of people's love for him."

Deletions in final voter list exceed victory margins in some constituencies: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress says irregularities in the final list indicate that the Election Commission has no regard for court orders. FILE PHOTO

Expressing concern over the final voters' list in Bihar after the completion of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Congress on Saturday alleged several irregularities in the exercise, and said the number of voter deletions in some constituencies exceeded the victory margin of the last Assembly election.

In a post on X, Congress general secretary (Communications) Jairam Ramesh alleged that the Election Commission (EC) was a "puppet" in the hands of the ruling party and had carried out the SIR with the purpose of providing political advantage to the BJP and its allies.

Mr. Ramesh, sharing the screenshot of a news report that claimed irregularities, said the EC should act impartially and not as the "B-team" of the BJP.

The news report claimed that there were 247 people in a single house in Jamui in Bihar, and that there were several irregularities in the final electoral roll list after the SIR exercise.

"The Election Commission has orchestrated the entire SIR drama at the behest of the BJP. Even the claims of reforms by the Election Commission in the final SIR are proving to be wrong. Reports are coming in from all regions of Bihar that confirm the sole purpose of the entire process is to provide political advantage to the BJP and its allied parties," Mr. Ramesh said.

Even after the SIR process, numerous instances of irregularities in the final list indicate that the Election Commission has no regard for the clear orders of the Supreme Court, he alleged.

'Affecting democracy'

"Functioning as the B-team of the BJP, the Election Commission has descended into complete shamelessness. Will Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar explain how 247 voters were found in a single household and why one person's name appears 3-3 times on the same booth? How are such massive irregularities surfacing in the final voter list? Or will they, as before, remain silent? The concerning aspect is that in some assembly constituencies, the number of voters' names being deleted exceeds the victory margin from the previous elections," he said.

The current "lax functioning and politically biased policies" of the Election Commission were adversely affecting India's democracy and our international image, he added.

Cong. faults land transfer to Adani for power project

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Congress leader Kanhaiya Kumar, while making a reference on Saturday to the upcoming power plant at Pirpainti in Bhagalpur district of election-bound Bihar, said that the "vote thief government is a land thief too", in a veiled dig at the BJP-led government at the Centre.

"Why was over 1,000 acres of land in Bhagalpur given to Adani for the power project at the rate of ₹1 per acre," he asked.

He also mentioned that the power project was initiated by the previous UPA government, but later, it was virtually handed over to the Adani Group "under questionable terms".

V-P calls for formal meeting of Rajya Sabha floor leaders

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

C.P. Radhakrishnan

Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan has called for a meeting of floor leaders of the Upper House on Tuesday.

This will be his first formal meeting with the floor leaders of various parties. Earlier, he had an informal chat with some of them who were in Delhi on September 12, the day he took oath as the 15th Vice-President.

A total of 34 leaders have been invited for the meeting, including Leader of the House and Union Minister J.P. Nadda, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju, and his two deputies, Arjun Ram Meghwal and L. Murugan.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, who is also the Leader of the Opposition in the Upper House, is likely to skip the meeting as he is recuperating after a procedure to insert a pacemaker.

Trinamool Congress's Rajya Sabha leader Derek O' Brien will also not be present due to a prior commitment.

Need a clarification from Rahul, Sonia on revelations by Chidambaram, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Gaurav Bhatia says after the 2008 Mumbai terror strike, the UPA government did not take any measures against Pakistan. FILE PHOTO

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday again criticised Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi for making "anti-India" remarks at a university in Colombia.

At a press conference, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia accused Mr. Gandhi of defaming India on foreign soil. Citing an old newspaper report, he alleged that the Congress leader was "partying till 4 a.m. after the 2008 Mumbai terror strikes".

Referring to the recent remarks made by former Union Ministers P. Chidambaram and Manish Tewari, Mr. Bhatia said after the 2008 Mumbai terror strike, the Congress-led UPA government did not take any strong measures against Pakistan as it "gave in to the U.S. pressure".

He accused the then UPA government of allowing foreign interference in the country's internal affairs.

Mr. Bhatia sought clarification from Mr. Gandhi and former Congress president Sonia Gandhi on the "revelations" made by Mr. Chidambaram.

Congress slams BJP for targeting Rahul, calls it 'hypocrisy'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

K.C. Venugopal

Hitting back at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for targeting the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, over his speech in Colombia, the Congress on Saturday accused the ruling party of hypocrisy, and said Mr. Gandhi "exposed the misrule, corruption and undemocratic character" of the party in power.

The Opposition party's counter came a day after the BJP mounted a scathing attack on Mr. Gandhi, accusing him of being the "flag-bearer of anti-India forces" and pushing their agenda in the country.

"The BJP's habit is to blame the Congress for its own failures, bringing us international shame. Whether it is said in Colombia or Kanpur, the reality remains the same – India's government has failed to harness the vast potential of our economy and is undoing our demographic dividend. Our democratic system being hijacked is a matter that has brought us disrepute across the world, courtesy the BJP itself," All India Congress Committee (AICC) general secretary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal said in a post on X.

"It is a stale, hackneyed and misdirected tactic by the BJP ecosystem to attack Rahul*ji* for speaking plainly. It would serve them better if they paid close attention to his statements and acted to rectify the glaring flaws he has been highlighting since 2014," Mr. Venugopal said.

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visits abroad, Mr. Venugopal said, the Congress party had always been the target of attacks, and India and her people were "insulted".

"Prime Minister Modi used expressions like Indian passports had no value, that India was going around with a begging bowl, and how people were ashamed to call themselves Indians. These things are all recorded in history," Congress Working Committee member Anand Sharma said.

Calcutta HC allows organisation to hold rally over rain deaths

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The Kolkata Police refused permission stating that the rally was coinciding with Durga Puja festivities

The Calcutta High Court on Saturday granted permission to a socio-cultural organisation backed by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to hold a protest rally on Sunday over 12 rain-related deaths in and around the city last month.

The Kolkata Police had refused permission to Khola Hawa, stating that the rally was coinciding with the Durga Puja carnival organised by the West Bengal government. The grand Durga Puja carnival, where 113 big-ticket Durga Pujas will participate on Red Road, is scheduled on Sunday. After participating in Durga Puja carnival, the idols of well-known community puja organisers head to immersion on the ghats of the Hooghly river, resulting in traffic bottlenecks.

Justice Biswaroop Chowdhury directed the police to grant permission to Khola Hawa to hold the protest rally at the Dorina Crossing in Esplanade with certain conditions. The rally will comprise no more than 3,000 people and it will be held between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., the court said in directions to the organisers.

The argument made by the petitioners seeking permission for the rally was that the High Court had last year allowed a demonstration by a doctors' forum to protest the rape-murder of a trainee doctor at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Police stop Samajwadi delegation from visiting violence-hit Bareilly

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Entry barred: Samajwadi Party leader Mata Prasad Pandey speaking to the police at his residence in Lucknow on Saturday. PTI

The Uttar Pradesh Police on Saturday stopped a Samajwadi Party (SP) delegation headed by Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Mata Prasad Pandey from visiting Bareilly, where violence broke out last week following protests over "I Love Muhammed" banners.

The delegation members, comprising four MPs and other senior party leaders, were either stopped or put under house arrest.

SP president Akhilesh Yadav had constituted the team to visit Bareilly and gather information on the September 26 violence in the city.

"The police said they would stop me and not allow me to go. They are keeping a vigil on me as if I were a history-sheeter. The government is trying to hide its shortcomings. I was given a notice by the police, and the inspector told me I have to stay home and not leave. If the Collector had written [to me], I would have accepted it. Then, a letter came from the Bareilly District Magistrate. He said that my arrival would spoil the atmosphere there, so 'you should not come here [Bareilly]'. To hide their [government's] own shortcomings, they are not allowing us to go there," said Mr. Pandey in Lucknow. Police personnel were present outside his house. The SP MPs were stopped at different places while travelling to Bareilly. The police action started on October 3 evening.

Autocratic step, says MP

Senior Lok Sabha member Afzal Ansari called the State police action "autocratic". "This is an undeclared emergency or a martial law kind of situation. Political party leaders and elected representatives have the right to meet people in Bareilly and find the facts of the situation. How can lawmakers be lawbreakers? Such an autocratic step by the State government only shows that it wants to hide its failures and atrocities committed in Bareilly," Mr. Ansari said.

The ruling BJP accused the Opposition of attempting to vitiate the atmosphere in Bareilly and said the police thwarted any attempt to incite violence. "The government will not allow anyone to disturb peace and tranquillity. For whom are they [the SP delegation] going to Bareilly? For those who broke the law, threw stones, and attacked the police," said senior Uttar Pradesh Minister J.P.S. Rathore.

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INBRIEF

London court to hear Nirav Modi plea on extradition trial

A London court will on November 23 hear fugitive diamantaire Nirav Modi's petition to reopen his extradition trial on the grounds that he may face interrogation by Indian agencies if repatriated, a claim officials are expected to counter with assurances that he will not be questioned. Mr. Modi, who has exhausted all appeals up to the Supreme Court, approached the Westminster Court seeking to reopen the trial. His plea is understood to be on the grounds that if extradited to India, he would be subjected to interrogation by various agencies, which may result in torture, sources said. PTI

CBI conducts searches in HPZ token fraud case, nabs five

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has carried out searches in the HPZ cryptocurrency token fraud case and arrested five accused persons. On Friday, the searches were conducted at seven locations in and around Delhi, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru. The case, registered under criminal conspiracy, impersonation, and fraud and offences under the Information Technology Act, alleges the involvement of foreign-based masterminds in collusion with Indian nationals. "Between 2021 and 2023, organised cyber frauds were committed across India in the guise of loan, job, investment, and cryptocurrency schemes," said the agency.

UIDAI waives charges for biometric updates of children

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has waived all charges for the mandatory biometric updates of children aged seven to 15, a move that is expected to benefit about six crore minors. The waiver is already in effect from October 1 and will be in force for a period of one year. "The first and second MBUs [Mandatory Biometric Update], if performed between 5-7 and 15-17 years of age, respectively, are thus free of cost. Thereafter, a prescribed fee of ₹125 per MBU is charged. With this decision, MBU is now effectively free for all children in the age group of 5-17," said a release from the Press Information Bureau.

Veteran Congress leader Rameshwar Dudi passes away

A veteran Congress leader and former Leader of the Opposition in the Rajasthan Assembly, Rameshwar Dudi, died at his residence in Bikaner on Saturday after a prolonged illness. He was 62. He had remained in a coma for the past two years following a brain stroke in August 2023. Belonging to the Jat community, Dudi was considered a bold and assertive farmer leader who often confronted the authorities for defending the rights of peasants in his region. Dudi served as the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly from 2013 to 2018 during the Bharatiya Janata Party government, having been elected an MLA from the Nokha constituency.

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Garg's wife hands back autopsy report to SIT

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

Garima Saikia Garg, the wife of singer-composer Zubeen Garg, has returned the second autopsy report of her husband to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the circumstances surrounding his death in Singapore on September 19.

An officer from the SIT, mostly comprising officials of the Assam police's Criminal Investigation Department (CID), had handed over the post-mortem report to Ms. Garg at her residence in Guwahati's Kahilipara area on Saturday. She had received the first autopsy report on October 2. According to the preliminary investigation by the Singapore police, Garg died by drowning while swimming off an island. "I chose to return the post-mortem report to the investigation officer, as it is part of the ongoing probe. The authorities or the court will decide whether or not the report should be made public. I trust in the legal system to deliver justice for him," Ms. Garg told journalists.

Due to public pressure the State government carried out another autopsy, although the first report ruled out any foul play.

UPSC set to release answer keys after Civil Service prelims

The decision, conveyed to the top court, signals a move away from the practice of publishing keys only after the year-long recruitment cycle

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has conveyed to the Supreme Court its decision to release provisional answer keys after the Civil Services preliminary examination.

The decision, conveyed to the top court in an affidavit, signalled a move away from the earlier practice of publishing keys only after the year-long recruitment cycle.

The affidavit, filed in a petition by Himanshu Kumar, represented by senior advocate Devadatt Kamat and advocates Rajesh G. Inamdar and Shashwat Anand, informed the court that the provisional keys would be released after the prelims to facilitate candidates to raise representations or objections, which would be placed before a team of subject experts who would conduct an in-depth consideration and finalise the answer keys.

The final answer key would naturally be released after the publication of the final results, UPSC said.

Candidate rights: The provisional keys will be released after the prelims to facilitate candidates to raise their objections. FILE PHOTO

The petitioner's counsel, however, responded that the affidavit did not clarify the redress measures for candidates who appeared in the prelims in May, when no provisional keys were provided, leaving aspirants uncertain about retrospective remedies such as re-evaluation or objection windows.

This development followed an earlier petition filed on August 11, when 28 Civil Services aspirants approached the Supreme Court against the UPSC's "opaque" answer key policy for the 2025 Civil Services prelims.

'Undermined fairness'

Mr. Kamat and Mr. Anand had argued that the "delayed release of answer keys undermined transparency and fairness in the examination process".

A Bench headed by Justice P.S. Narasimha is considering detailed rules for future UPSC exams, including timelines for answer key releases and objection processes.

'Organ donation hit by gaps in brain death certification'

Survey finds fewer than half of surveyed doctors had training in the certification at medical school

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

A majority of brain deaths in intensive care units (ICUs) across the country continue to remain "silent deaths", without being certified as brain deaths, and thereby are missed opportunities for organ donation, said experts, addressing members of the press via a Zoom call on Saturday.

Highlighting the findings of a national survey, conducted over three months among physicians involved in organ donations, Deepak Gupta, professor of neurosurgery at AIIMS, Delhi, who led the team conducting the survey, said that fewer than half of surveyed doctors had received formal training in brain death certification during medical school. Also, only 10% reported that they routinely trained their residents in brain death certification. "This is a critical gap in the organ donation programme in India," he said.

The survey findings were published as a research paper, "Disparities in brain death certification knowledge among Indian physicians involved in organ donation" in the September-October edition of *Neurology India*. The survey also found that of 177 doctors surveyed, while 96% were aware of the apnea test, nearly half failed to screen for drugs or toxins – an essential step in ruling out reversible causes of coma.

Sunil Shroff, trustee of MOHAN Foundation, an NGO that works to promote deceased organ donation in India, pointed out that India had around 1,60,000 road traffic deaths every year, and yet, the number of deceased organ donations remained between 1,000 and 1,200 per year. Even when families were willing, the lack of trained counsellors and trained intensivists could impede potential donations.

Mathew Joseph, neurosurgeon at CMC, Vellore, noted that lack of familiarity with brain death was a big problem. He said there was a learning curve to the process but even though awareness had increased, practical learning had not kept pace.

Punjab farm fire cases fell 70% in 2024, but total scorched area shows a rising trend

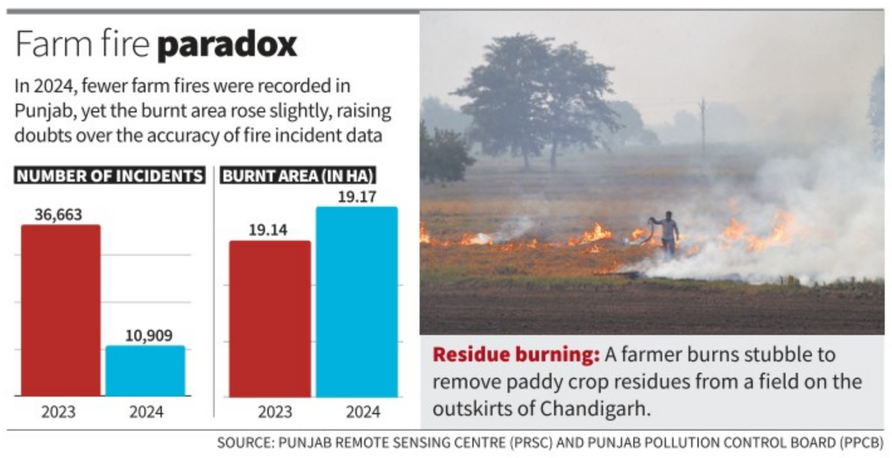
Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

Punjab reported about 70% fewer farm fires in 2024 than in 2023, yet the total area scorched by these fires expanded year-on-year, leading to questions over the accuracy of the data.

Satellite aggregation data from the Punjab Remote Sensing Centre (PRSC) and the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) showed that in 2024, there were 10,909 incidents of farm fires in Punjab against 36,663 in 2023, a 70% decline. However, the area under "residue burning for paddy" (burnt area) increased to 19.17 lakh hectares in 2024 from 19.14 lakh hectares in 2023.

The report titled "Comparison of district-wise area classified under residue burning (paddy) for year 2023 and 2024" mentions the burnt area for the period from September 15 to November 30.

Paddy was sown in over 30.02 lakh hectares in 2023, and in 31 lakh hectares in 2024.



Residue burning: A farmer burns stubble to remove paddy crop residues from a field on the outskirts of Chandigarh.

SOURCE: PUNJAB REMOTE SENSING CENTRE (PRSC) AND PUNJAB POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (PPCB)

Burnt area data reveal the actual scale of the farm fire menace, former officials and experts said, and the 2024 data suggest farm fires could have been under-reported.

To avoid detection, sources said, farmers may have burnt stubble after satellites passed over the region. While farm fires are recorded daily, the burnt area is measured by satellites on a weekly basis.

The least burnt area was in Pathankot district, followed by Rupnagar district; the largest burnt area was in Patiala district, followed by Sangrur district, the report said.

"The farm fire incidents in Punjab and, for that matter, other States as well, are recorded by satellites passing over the region with thermal imaging, using temperature differences at particular timings in the morning and afternoon. Last year, it appears farmers may have burned paddy stubble during the window in which they could evade the satellite. If the farm fire incidents had actually gone down, then the burnt area should have also been less," a former senior official of the PPCB said, requesting anonymity.

Gurvinder Singh, former Director, Punjab Agriculture Department, echoed similar concerns.

"The increase in paddy residue's 'burnt area' definitely poses a question about the authenticity of figures on farm fire incidents in 2024. There could be a number of reasons behind this, as we know the data by the PRSC is collected by satellites, which apparently can be circumvented. We cannot deny the fact that many people are aware of the timing of the satellite movement, and could have 'escaped' it last year. The technology needs to be updated so that there's no ambiguity in the data," Mr. Singh said.

Jaskirat Singh, activist on environmental issues in Punjab, said the ground reality did not match. "While the governments, be it the Centre or State, claim that the sharp decline in farm fire incidents has been achieved with a range of measures over recent years, the ground reality is different. Data on the rise in 'burnt area' has revealed the truth," he said.

A senior officer of PPCB, requesting anonymity, told *The Hindu* that the rise in burnt area could be a technical issue.

"We have deliberated on the rise in burnt area. There appears to be a technical issue. The remote sensing data at times records more than one fire incident from the same place. For example, in Patiala, the PRSC showed three separate cases of farm fires on a two-acre farm, but when our officials visited, it turned out to be only one incident, as there was only one burnt patch." the officer said.

E-auction of Presidential gifts extended till October 15

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

With bids crossing ₹17 lakh, the ₹10,000 specimen banknote gifted to former President Pranab Mukherjee has become the star attraction of the ongoing e-auction of the Presidential Gift Collection 2025. The auction went live on the E-Upahaar portal on July 25. Due to its overwhelming response, it has been extended till October 15, said the President's office.

The e-auction, inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu, features over 250 gifts received by successive Presidents from dignitaries, students, entrepreneurs, and citizens. Only Indian citizens can take part in the auction, which requires an Aadhaar-based registration. Once the auction concludes, the items will be delivered to the successful bidders. "While for collectors it is a rare prize; for the Rashtrapati Bhavan, it is a powerful way to turn history into hope," the office said.

British PM to visit India next week

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

U.K. Prime Minister Keir Starmer will visit India on October 8 and 9.

During the visit, Mr. Starmer and Prime Minister Narendra Modi will discuss "issues of regional and global importance", said the Ministry of External Affairs on Saturday.

The visit comes against the backdrop of the wars in Gaza and Ukraine.

The visit is expected to further boost bilateral trade as it comes months after India and the U.K. signed the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

Mr. Starmer and Mr. Modi will attend the sixth edition of the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai on October 9 and deliver keynote addresses in the event.

As Mr. Starmer's visit comes just two months ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin's expected visit to India, the Ukraine war is also likely to feature in the bilateral talks.

New opportunities

"Both leaders will engage with businesses and industry leaders on the opportunities presented by the India-U.K. Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement as a central pillar of the future India-U.K. economic partnership," said the MEA in the announcement.

Keir Starmer

Mr. Modi visited London on July 24 when the two sides concluded the CETA. Elaborating on the agreement, Mr. Modi had said then that the agreement will help India gain market access in the U.K. for "Indian textiles, footwear, gems and jewellery, seafood, and engineering goods". "On the other hand, U.K.-made products such as medical devices and aerospace components will become more accessible and affordable for Indian consumers and industries," he had said.

During Mr. Starmer's visit to Mumbai on October 9, the two Prime Ministers will discuss "bilateral trade and investment, technology and innovation, defence and security, climate and energy, health, education and people-to-people relations," said the MEA.

Union Minister denies Mamata's statement on DVC water release

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil has denied allegations made by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee that the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) released water from the reservoirs it manages without informing the State government.

In a social media post, Mr. Patil said that the DVC had released only 70,000 cusecs of water, whereas the West Bengal Chief Minister said that the Central government had released 1,50,000 cusecs of water.

Ms. Banerjee said that the unilateral decision to release water had caused pain to many in West Bengal during the Durga Puja festivities. Mr. Patil said that the Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Committee was mandated to guide the DVC and a scientific approach was followed. Inputs were sought from the West Bengal government but not received, he said.

INBRIEF

Retailer D-Mart Q2 revenue rises 15.4% to ₹16,219 crore

Avenue Supermarts, which owns and operates the retail chain D-Mart, has reported a 15.43% rise in its standalone revenue from operations to ₹16,218.79 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, 2025. Revenue from operations was ₹14,050.32 crore a year ago, as per a BSE filing. The total number of stores as of September 2025 stood at 432. This includes its Sanpada, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, store, which is currently closed for customers due to reconstruction. PTI

HDFC Bank deposits up 12.1%, advances increase 9.9% in Q2

HDFC Bank reported deposit and gross advances growth of 12.1% year-on-year and 9.9%, respectively, in the second quarter ended September 30, as per provisional numbers released by the bank. In absolute terms, as at September-end , deposits and gross advances stood at ₹28,01,500 crore (₹25,00,100 crore as at September-end 2024) and ₹27,69,000 crore (₹25,19,000 crore), respectively, per the private sector lender's regulatory filing.

IDBI Bank's total business rises 12% in second quarter

IDBI Bank reported a 12% year-on-year (y-o-y) growth in second quarter total business (deposits plus advances) at ₹5,33,839 crore from ₹4,78,547 crore in the year-earlier quarter, as per provisional business numbers released by the bank. Total deposits and net advances were up 9% and 15%, respectively, in Q2FY26. The proportion of CASA deposits slid to 45.81% of overall deposits as at September-end 2025 from 48.14% as at September-end 2024.

Textile firms appeal against anti-dumping duty on key input

The annual requirement of MEG is 28 lakh tonne and almost 12 lakh tonne is imported from Singapore, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia

Crucial raw material: MEG is one of the main raw materials for producing polyester fibre and filament.

M. Soundariya Preetha
COIMBATORE

The textile industry has appealed to the government not to levy anti-dumping duty on Mono Ethylene Glycol (MEG), which is one of the main raw materials used in the production of polyester fibre and filament.

R. K. Vij, secretary general, Polyester Textile Apparel Industry Association, told *The Hindu* the textile industry consumed 70%-75% of Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) and MEG produced locally, the key raw materials for the production of polyester fibre.

The annual requirement of MEG is 28 lakh tonne and almost 12 lakh tonne is imported from Singapore, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia. The industry cannot import MEG from China on account of Quality Control Order restrictions.

"One of the critical raw materials of manmade fibre, yarn, filament, fabrics and garments – MEG– is going to become 20% more expensive due to the proposed imposition of anti-dumping Duty (ADD)," he said.

Huge imports

India imported 40% of the MEG consumed by the domestic manufacturers. Further, there is no project in the pipeline for the next three to four years to raise the production of MEG in India. The government removed ADD on PTA in the 2020 Union Budget to ensure the availability of the raw materials at international prices for the domestic MMF industry.

It should not impose the ADD on MEG too.

The government recently reduced GST on MMF yarn and fabrics to encourage greater production of MMF textiles. If ADD is imposed on MEG, the MMF sector will not see growth as the raw material for the production of synthetic products will become expensive, he said.

Ashwin Chandran, chairman of the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry and the chairman of the Southern India Mills Association, Durai Palanisamy, stated that polyester fibre was predominantly made from PTA and MEG.

The raw materials should be made available at international prices for the textile industry.

The industry is hopeful of meetings with Textiles, Finance, and Chemical Ministries soon to discuss the issue, added Mr. Vij.

Pharmexcil mulls SOP for payment defaults

N. Ravi Kumar
HYDERABAD

Pharma exporters body Pharmexcil is exploring the scope of evolving a standard operating procedure (SOP) to assist members grappling with payment defaults by buyers.

Though limited to some cases, delayed payments or non-receipt of dues from overseas buyers is a challenge, impacting cash flows and posing huge hurdles for seamless export operations, said the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India.

Seeking information from members on defaults to facilitate development of the SOP, the body under the Union Commerce Ministry said the development of the procedure will be undertaken in collaboration with Indian Missions abroad, ECGC, DGFT as well as reputed payment collection agencies.

Meghalaya invites filmmakers with sops

M.P. Praveen
SHILLONG

Conrad K. Sangma

Meghalaya has introduced a policy, positioning the northeastern State as the preferred destination for film shoots.

Under the policy, which is open to films in all languages, financial assistance worth ₹1 crore will be extended to production houses that shoot 75% of the content in Meghalaya.

An additional ₹50 lakh will be provided if they engage local artists, musicians, and other talent.

"The policy, introduced just a few months ago, is receiving a very positive response from players in the film industry," said Meghalaya CM Conrad K. Sangma during a round-table with select media persons last month.

"We have been communicating with stakeholder associations. The first eight to 10 films will receive the benefits of the scheme and depending on its success, we may consider extending it."

Meghalaya is also placing huge emphasis on the concert economy, with last year's figures proving to be impressive. "The State government spent ₹23.50 crore to promote the concert economy, which generated ₹133.42 crore, translating into a more than fivefold return on investments," he said. "It contributes to our economy, creates jobs, and enhances the State's brand."

(*The writer was in Meghalaya at the invitation of Meghalaya Tourism*)

Relief for non-Fastag NH users

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

The Centre announced non-FASTag users paying toll in cash on national highways (NH) will receive a discount if they switch to the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for payment though the sum will still be higher compared with Fastag payments.

The Government of India had amended the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) Rules, 2008, wherein non-Fastag users who opt to pay the toll fee via the UPI will be charged only 1.25 times the applicable user fee for that category of the vehicle instead of double the toll tax they are required to pay when making a cash transaction.

The move is likely to benefit private car owners, who either don't have Fastags or forget to recharge them, explained a senior NHAI official. This notification will come into effect from November 15, 2025.

The NHAI will benefit from savings as there is a cost attached to handling of cash, the official added.

"The revised rules will encourage the adoption of digital payments," a press statement issued by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways said.

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियंता, सा.नि.वि. सम्भाग, कोटा

क्रमांक : 2287 **संशोधित निविदा संख्या-28/2025-26** दिनांक 23.09.2025

इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक 1944 दिनांक 26.08.2025 के द्वारा प्रकाशित निविदा सूचना संख्या-28/2025-26 के क्र.सं. 3 पर अंकित कार्य "जिला कोटा में मण्डावरा से झोटोली-सुल्तानपुर सड़क निर्माण कार्य" में ऑन लाईन निविदा फार्म मिलने एवं जमा कराने की तारीख 23.09.2025 की जगह 08.10.2025 सांय 6.00 बजे पढ़ा जावे तथा तकनीकी निविदा खोलने की तारीख 25.09.2025 की जगह 10.10.2025 अपरान्ह 3.00 बजे तथा बोली प्रतिभूति जमा कराने की तारीख 24.09.2025 की जगह 09.10.2025 अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता के कार्यालय में सांय 4.00 बजे पढ़ा जावे।

UBN No. 1. PWD2526WSOB10982
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4. PWD2526WSOB10985 5. PWD2526WLOB10986

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DIPR/C/14264/2025

GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
O/o The Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ),GHMC, Hyderabad
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Tender Notice No. 11/SE(P-WZ)/GHMC/2025-26/(2nd Call) Date: 01-10-2025

Item No.	Name of Work:	Est Cost:
1.	Construction of Multi level Fly over / Grade Separators at Rethi Bowli and Nanal Nagar Junction under Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC)/Turnkey Basis;	Rs. 398 Crores

S.No	Events:	Date and Time
1.	Start date	06-10-2025 from 04.00 PM
2.	Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids	21-10-2025 upto 03.00 PM
3.	Opening of Technical bid	21-10-2025 after 04.00 PM
4.	Opening of Price bid	23-10-2025 after 04.00 PM

Note: The Bidders are advised to visit www.tender.telangana.gov.in to download Bid Document and EPC project Tender Drawings. Any Queries can be addressed to **sesrdppwz@gmail.com.** *Address of the officer concerned Sri. G. Sree Lakshmi, SE(P-WZ) Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ), Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Tank Bund Road, Hyderabad.* Further details can be seen at 'e' Procurement **https://tender.telangana.gov.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Projects-WZ) GHMC
DIPR R.O.No.8832-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt. 04.10.2025

Government of Karnataka
ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING INSTITUTE
Lalitha Mahal Road, Mysore -570011
File no: ATI/90/EST/EST1/2025-ADMN-ATI Date: 03.10.2025

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Telephone: 0821-2520906/2443835

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Sd/-
Joint Director (Admin)
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Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) (KPPP only)

BESCOM invites tender against enquiry No.BESCOM/GM(DAS,SG&TIC)/AMC/LRC-LBS/2025-26/CALL-3/Dated: 03/07/2025 for **"Annual maintenance of Line Reclosures and Load Break Switch installed under DAS project in BMAZ". Availability of Bid document: 06.10.2025 @ 16:00 hrs. Last date for Receipt of bids: 16.10.2025 @ 16:00 hrs.** The detailed notification can be obtained from the Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

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India FETP - MPH Admission Notice - 2026

Applications are invited from Medical graduates for admission to the India **FETP - Master of Public Health (Epidemiology and Health Systems) - 2 year** programme of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram, conducted by ICMR School of Public Health at ICMR - National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai.

Last date for receipt of online application: **31st December 2025**
Date of commencement of the course: **1st July 2026**
Information brochure and prescribed online application form are available through the link **https://icmrnie.in/redcap/surveys/?s=L4ATMNFFJE** or Institute's website **www.nie.gov.in** (Email: **icmrniesph@nie.gov.in.** Phone: **044-26136420).**

Date: 5th October 2025 **Director**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
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BRIEF BID NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPCL invites bids in Two Parts through KPP Portal: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for the following works.

1). KPCL/2025-26/EL/WORK_INDENT/3518, Dated: 23.09.2025, for **"Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of 2 sets of 30KVA Modular Online UPS along with 48000VAh SMF-VRLA Battery Bank, 40KVA Isolation Transformer and buyback of released equipments of KPCL Head Office, Shakthi Bhavan, Bengaluru".** The last date for submission of application along with documents to meet the pre-qualification criteria is up to **15.00hrs on 08.10.2025.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Chief Engineer (Electrical Designs), KPCL, #3, 3rd Floor, Green Building, Palace Road, Bengaluru-560001.** Phone No.: **080-2441 3630, Mobile No.: +91-94482 90779, E-mail: ceedkpcl@gmail.com,** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

1). KPCL/2025-26/IND2071, Dated: 29.09.2025, for **"Supply & Installation of Desktops for Bengaluru based offices and project sites".** Estimated amount: **Rs. 1,68,32,438/-.** (Inclusive of 18%GST).

2). KPCL/2025-26/IND2076, Dated: 29.09.2025, for **"Procurement of Multi Gas Detecting Safety devices for Project sites".** Last date for receipt of completed bids(Cover-1 and Cover-2): **is upto 17:00Hrs on 29.10.2025.** Further details can be obtained from the office of the **Superintending Engineer(Systems & KERP), KPCL, No. 3, 4th Floor, KPCL New Building, Palace Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.** Phone No.: **080-2441 3635, Ext.1007,** Mobile No.: **91416 15153,** Email: **sesystemskpcl@karnataka.gov.in,** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in.**

Government of Karnataka - National Health Mission
District Health and Family Welfare Society (R), District Health and Family Welfare Officer's Office Premises, Shivamogga
Phone: 08182-200337 e-mail: rchoshimoga@gmail.com
No.: N.H.M./DHS/O.S./02/2025-26 Date: 03.10.2025

e-Tender Notice

e-Procurement Tender as below is invited related to availing services through outsource under N.H.M. Scheme in the limits of District Health and Family Welfare Society of Shivamogga District.

Sl.No. 1. Details: To avail services of Human Resource through outsource under N.H.M. Scheme for the year 2025-26 **Tender Amount (Rs. In Lakhs):** 351.80 **E.M.D. (Rs. In Lakhs):** 5.28

Sl.No. 2. Details: To avail services of 14 vehicles for R.B.S.K. Programme and 8 vehicles to the division of implementing officers under N.H.M. Scheme for the year 2025-26 **Tender Amount (Rs. In Lakhs):** 95.40 **E.M.D. (Rs. In Lakhs):** 2.39

Sl.No. 3. Details: To avail services of vehicle for Mobile Health Unit under N.H.M. Scheme for the year 2025-26 **Tender Amount (Rs. In Lakhs):** 14.40 **E.M.D. (Rs. In Lakhs):** 0.21

Commencement date for uploading Tender Formand last date and time, place, date and time of opening Technical Bid, place, date and time of opening Financial Bid are all available online. Further details can be obtained and checked through websitewww.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and contact office of District Health and Family Welfare Officer, ShivamoggaDistrict on Phone no.: 08182-200337 during office hours.

Sd/- Member Secretary, District Health Association and District R.C.H. Officer, Shivamogga
DIPR/smg/ksmca/25-26/01/10/1018

Government of Karnataka
KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAMA LTD.
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PWD Annexe Building, 3rd Floor, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560 001
F.No.MD/KBJNL/GM(A)/LA/99/2025-26/2348 Dated: 04/10/2025

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Walk-in-interview for one post of Legal Officer Bengaluru (Land Acquisition Cases) on full time retainer basis is scheduled to be held on **06.10.2025 at 3:30 p.m.**, at Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigam, Liaison Office, PWD Annexe Building, 3rd Floor, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560 001.

The details about educational qualification, experience and other criterion for the position and format for are available on **www.kbjnl.karnataka.gov.in.** The interested and eligible candidates may appear for walk-in-interview, as scheduled, along with filled up prescribed bio-data with original supporting documents.

Note: No TA/DA will be paid for attending the interview.

Sd/-
General Manager (Administration and Human Resources)
Krishna Bhagya Jala Nigama Ltd.
DIPR/CP/Shirdi Sai/3091/2025-26

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ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ)

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(1) Tender Reference No and date : NO. SD/2025-26/IND0112 Date: 04-10-2025. (2) Date of uploading of Tender : Dt. 04.10.2025. (3) Pre Bid Meeting Date, Place and Time : Dt. 09-10-2025 at 11.30 AM. (4) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications : Dt. 10-10-2025 at 11.30 AM. (5) Last date & Time for submission of tender : Dt.21-10-2025 at 05.00 PM. (6) Date & Time of opening of Technical bid : Dt. 23-10-2025 at 11.30 AM. (7) Tentative Date & Time of opening of Commercial bid : Dt. 30-10-2025 at 11.30 AM. (8) EMD Amount : mentioned in the TENDER. (9) Venue of pre-bid meeting, opening of tender & address for communication : Deputy Director of Sericulture Zilla Panchayath, Mandya Old M C Road, Acetate Town, Mandya-571404 Phone: 9845279986, e-mail: ddserimandya@yahoo.co.in

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)
Bid Identification No.CCE_R and B_PLB_11 of 2025-26
No. 1608 Dated : 23/09/2025

1.	The **Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani** on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites **percentage rate bid** in double cover system in **ONLINE MODE** for construction of the **Building work** as detailed in the table below from eligible contractors.		
2.	Nature of work	:	**Building Work**
3.	No. of tenders	:	**One No**
4.	Tender Cost	:	**Rs.10,000/-** (through online) only.
5.	Class of Contractor	:	**B and A Class**
6.	Date & Time of sale & receipt of Bids	:	**10.00 AM of 09.10.2025 to 5.00 PM of 23.10.2025**
7.	Date of Opening of Bid	:	**11.00 AM of 24.10.2025**
8.	The Bidders shall have to participate in online bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website. The authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids without assigning any reason.		

Chief Construction Engineer, Phulbani (R&B) Circle, Phulbani.
B-563 : OIPR-34129/11/0028/2526

Humans have fingers because fish first needed cloaca

The Hindu Bureau

The transition from fins to limbs is one of the most important events in vertebrate evolution. It explains how animals that once lived in water eventually walked on land. Scientists have been studying how this change happened by focusing on a group of genes called the *Hox* clusters. These genes shape the body plan of all vertebrates. The *HoxA* and *HoxD* clusters in particular are essential for forming limbs in four-limbed animals. Yet fish also have similar *Hox* genes even though they don't have fingers.

This similarity has been a puzzle – and one that a new paper in *Nature* has answered. Scientists from France, Switzerland, and the U.S. have reported that one of humans' most defining features is built on an ancient foundation.

The scientists worked with zebrafish, a common laboratory species whose genes are well understood. They focused on two large stretches of DNA that flank the *HoxD* cluster. In mice, these regions, called 3DOM and 5DOM, control whether *HoxD* genes are switched on in different parts of a developing limb. The team deleted these regions in zebrafish. Then, by comparing normal and altered fish embryos, and tracking where and when certain *Hox* genes became active, they could test whether the same DNA stretches controlled fin development.

They examined tissue structures like the cloaca, an opening used for digestion and reproduction, to see whether gene activity was linked to these organs as well. In parallel, they studied mouse embryos to trace whether the same regulatory elements were at work in the urogenital system of mammals.

The experiments revealed a surprise. When scientists removed the 3DOM region in zebrafish, *Hox* gene activity in the front part of developing fins was erased, confirming that this regulatory system existed before limbs evolved. But deleting the 5DOM region had little effect on fin development; instead, however, it caused the loss of gene expression in the cloaca. In mice, the same 5DOM region was found to drive *Hox* activity in the urogenital sinus, a structure that develops from the cloaca.

These results suggested that the regulatory system crucial for fingers in tetrapods wasn't originally designed for limbs but controlled the formation of cloacal tissues.

The findings are a reminder that evolution can innovate by recycling existing components to serve new purposes, and also deepen researchers' understanding of the genetic links between fins, limbs, and reproductive organs.

The case to rethink India's influenza vaccination strategy

In India, the burden of influenza is substantial but often underestimated; current vaccines provide only short-lived protection; experts suggest a biannual vaccination schedule and government-backed policy could reduce cases

Vipin M. Vashishtha
Puneet Kumar

Twin peaks
Seasonal influenza in India is far from trivial
Influenza is underestimated in India, yet it drives substantial illness, hospitalisation, and deaths every year
Surveillance reveals two flu peaks, post-monsoon and in winter, complicating effective single-dose vaccination strategies
Vaccine protection is short-lived, often declining within three to six months, leaving gaps in immunity
Current vaccines provide strongest protection against H1N1, moderate against influenza B, weakest against H3N2
A biannual vaccination schedule could better cover India's dual peaks, preventing widespread seasonal vulnerability
Policy inclusion in the Universal Immunisation Program plus awareness could normalise vaccination, reduce disease burden
Despite flu vaccines having been available for over a decade now, less than 5% of Indians receive them. PUBLIC DOMAIN

For most of us, influenza, or "the flu", is dismissed as a seasonal nuisance that causes fever, cough, and body aches for a week or so before disappearing. Influenza is far from harmless, however. Worldwide, it's a major cause of respiratory illness, hospitalisation, and deaths, especially among children, older adults, and people with underlying medical conditions.

In India, the burden of influenza is substantial but often underestimated. While the government tracks seasonal influenza through its national surveillance system, official focus remains largely on the H1N1 strain, a.k.a. "swine flu". Yet recently, the winter months of 2024-2025 saw an unexpectedly severe outbreak of influenza B, a strain that usually causes milder illness in children. And as the post-monsoon season unfolded, the H3N2 strain drove a fresh surge.

Two vaccines' quirks

Recent surveillance data show India's influenza outbreaks have two distinct peaks: during the winter months (January-March) and in the post-monsoon period (July-September). This pattern, together with the short-lived protection provided by existing influenza vaccines, forces us to consider whether our current approach to flu vaccination is sufficiently protective. The influenza virus constantly undergoes genetic changes known as antigenic drift. They allow it to escape the body's immune defenses as well as force vaccines to be updated regularly. Unlike measles or polio vaccines, which provide long-lasting immunity, flu vaccines only offer moderate protection and are reformulated every year. Around the world, multiple strains of flu, such as H1N1, H3N2, and influenza B, circulate simultaneously, and matching vaccine strains with circulating viruses is quite challenging.

The two main types of vaccines available in India are inactivated influenza vaccines, administered by injection, and live attenuated vaccines, given as a nasal spray. Both types can reduce the risk of influenza but their effectiveness varies greatly depending on the strain and the vaccinee's age. The protection is typically strongest against H1N1, moderate against influenza B, and weakest against H3N2.

A major concern with these vaccines is their limited duration of protection. Antibody levels increase after vaccination, peak within a few weeks, and gradually decline. Several studies have shown that vaccine effectiveness drops significantly within three to six months, with some evidence suggesting protection may almost completely fade within only 90 days. For countries with a single influenza season, this decline is less of an issue because one well-timed annual dose can adequately protect people during the peak period. In India, however, where the virus strikes twice a year, the short-lived immunity leaves large segments of the population vulnerable during the second peak.

Thus, an annual influenza vaccine doesn't fit India's reality. A shot before the monsoon may protect against outbreaks in July-September, but by the time the winter wave arrives in January, much of that immunity has waned. Similarly, a shot before winter might shield people until March but won't hold up through the next monsoon season. So whichever dose is chosen, half of the year's influenza burden remains unaddressed.

Less than 5%

The logical alternative is to introduce a biannual influenza vaccination schedule for India. Under this system, people would receive one dose in May or June, just before the onset of the monsoon, and another dose in November or December, ahead of the winter wave. This approach could ensure more consistent protection across both peaks, dramatically reducing the number of influenza cases, hospitalisations, and deaths.

While the idea of two flu shots a year may seem demanding, the health benefits could be significant, particularly for children, who account for the largest share of influenza-related hospitalisations and deaths in India.

Despite flu vaccines having been available for over a decade now, less than 5% of Indians receive them. This lack of acceptance stems partly from a perception that influenza is a minor illness, partly from limited public awareness, and partly from an absence of government policy support. Currently, influenza vaccines aren't part of the Universal Immunisation Program (UIP). They are instead left to the private market and are often seen as optional. For a disease that causes lakhs of severe cases every year, this indifference is surprising and costly.

Biannual vaccination, if backed by government policy, could be a turning point. By including it in the UIP, India could leverage its strong domestic vaccine production capacity to make vaccines more affordable and accessible. Coupled with public awareness campaigns, such a move could raise coverage and normalise influenza vaccination in the public mind.

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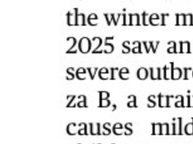
The 2025 Ig Nobel prizes: laugh, and then think


SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

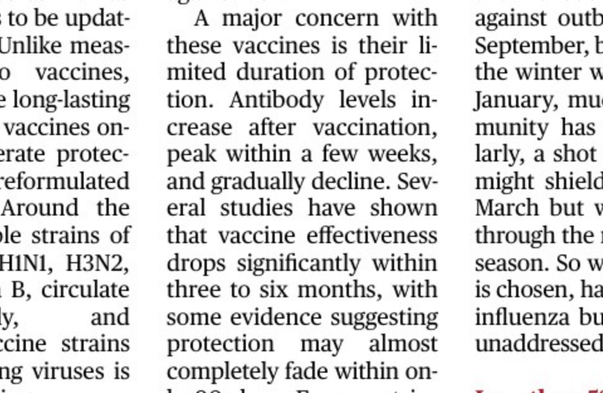
D. Balasubramanian

Recent reports stated that two Indian scientists had received Ig Nobel prize in the Engineering Design category in 2025. We know of the Nobel Prizes but the Ig Nobels?

As one report in *Science* pointed out, the Ig Nobel prizes are light-hearted events that offer a humorous satire about the prize. The 'Ig' prefix stands for a non-honourable or lower status and the prizes' name is a pun on the word 'ignoble', striking a humorous contrast with the real Nobel Prizes, which advance our knowledge in science, technology, literature, peace, and economics.

These satirical prizes have been awarded annually since 1991 to promote public engagement with scientific research. They take aim at research that makes people laugh and then makes them think. Each winner receives a single banknote of 10 trillion Zimbabwean dollars, which were worth 40 US cents when they were demonetised and are no longer in use. In contrast, each Nobel Prize winner receives a gold medal (engraved with the picture of the prizes' founder Alfred Nobel) and around 11 million Swedish kronor, divided among up to three laureates if a prize is shared.

Each winner also gets to present her/his lecture at a ceremony in the Swedish Academy of Sciences in December every year. In contrast, the Ig Nobel is presented at a ceremony in Boston, Massachusetts and each winner is allowed only one minute to present their achievements.


Andre Geim remains the sole scientist to have won both an Ig Nobel prize and a Nobel Prize. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Ig Nobel prizes are picked by the magazine *Annals of Improbable Research*. According to their website, these are the *2025* Ig Nobel prize laureates: Tomoki Kojima and colleagues for experiments showing how cows painted with zebra-like stripes were bitten less often by flies (biology); Vikash Kumar and Sarthak Mittal from Uttar Pradesh on how the experience of a shoe rack can be affected by foul-smelling shoes in it (engineering design or ergonomics); the medical historian and internist Prof. William Bean of Columbia University, USA, who documented how his fingernails grew (literature); Marcin Zajenkowski of Poland and Gilles Gignac of Australia for showing that people who are narcissists have their self-esteem rise when told they are intelligent (psychology); researchers from Nigeria, Togo, Italy, and France for showing how rainbow lizards acquire a taste for certain kinds of pizza (nutrition); Julie Mennella and Gory Beauchamp of the USA for showing how, when mothers eat garlic, their breast-feeding infants took in more milk (paediatrics); the team of Rotem Naftalovich, Daniel Naftalovich, and Frank Greenway of the USA for showing that Teflon, usually used to coat kitchen utensils, is a good additive to increase food volume and hence satiety without increasing the calorie content (chemistry); and for researchers from the Netherlands, the UK, and Germany for showing how consuming moderate amounts of alcohol can improve the ability to speak a foreign language (peace). (Note: Prof. Bean passed away in 2020 and his son received the prize.)

It is interesting to note that so far only one scientist has won both an Ig Nobel prize and a Nobel Prize. This is the physicist Andre Geim of Manchester University in the UK. He was awarded the Ig Nobel prize in 2000 together with Michael Berry for levitating a frog in a strong magnetic field using its intrinsic magnetism, in the physics category.

In 2010, Prof. Geim and Konstantin Novoselov were awarded the Nobel Prize for physics "for groundbreaking experiments regarding the two-dimensional material graphene".

SNAPSHOTS

What explains lifespans in different species?

When researchers analysed sex differences in life expectancy across 528 mammal and 648 bird species using zoo records and data from the wild, they found that female mammals, on average, live longer than males while male birds often outlive females. These patterns were stronger in wild populations than in zoos. The findings indicated that sexual selection, such as competition for mates and differences in body size, plays a major role in shaping lifespan differences, rather than sex chromosomes alone.

Webb Space telescope spots potential 'dark stars'

Astronomers have unearthed evidence that some of the earliest luminous objects in the universe may be "dark stars", stars powered not by nuclear fusion but by dark matter annihilation. Using data from the James Webb Space Telescope, they found four candidates whose light profiles match predictions for supermassive dark stars. If confirmed, the findings could help explain why the early universe contained unusually bright objects and could shed light on how the first supermassive black holes formed.

Greener way to get rare-earths out of e-waste

Rice University researchers have developed a way combining flash Joule heating with chlorination (FJH-Cl2) to recover rare-earth elements from discarded magnets. The process can separate elements like samarium, neodymium, and cobalt with over 90% purity and yield in a single step. Relative to traditional methods, FJH-Cl2 reduces energy use by 87%, greenhouse gas emissions by 84%, and costs by over half, and eliminates water and acid waste. The process also produces useful by-products.

Question Corner

Storm in a teacup

Why does stirring a liquid in a cup create a vortex?

When you stir liquid in a tumbler, you are forcing it to spin in circles. For anything to move in a circle, it needs an inward pull. In a liquid, this inward pull comes from pressure differences: the pressure is higher near the walls, where the liquid moves faster, and lower at the centre. Gravity still pulls the liquid down while the spinning motion pushes it outward. The liquid's surface finds a balance between these forces by forming a curved shape: it rises at the edges and dips in the middle. In fact, the dip is not random but adopts a parabolic shape. The depth at the centre deepens in proportion to the square of the distance from the middle. The liquid close to the tumbler's sides and bottom slows down because it rubs against the solid surface, while the liquid near the top moves more freely. This uneven speed makes the liquid spiral inward along the surface and downward at the centre. The result is the funnel-shaped vortex you see. It is the liquid's way of balancing rotation, pressure, and gravity all at once.

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What is Nagaland's job quota issue?

Why is the government relooking its jobs policy? Why are the tribes in the State divided on the policy?

Rahul Karmakar

The story so far:

On April 26, an organisation of five "advanced" tribes in Nagaland set the Neiphiu Rio-led government a 30-day deadline to revise the job reservation policy for the State's Backward Tribes (BTs). The government formed a panel on September 22 to examine the job quota policy, but the five-tribe body found fault with its nomenclature.

What is the job reservation policy?

Almost four years after it attained statehood in December 1963, Nagaland introduced a policy to reserve 80% of State government jobs for all indigenous Scheduled Tribes. The government identified 11 BTs in 1977 and apportioned for them what came to be known as "reservation within a reservation". In August 2024, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio told the 60-member Nagaland Assembly that 37% of non-technical and non-gazetted jobs are currently reserved for BTs. He said this quota is divided into 25% for seven BTs in eastern Nagaland comprising six districts – Kiphire, Longleng, Mon, Noklak, Shamator, and Tuensang – and 12% for the remaining four BTs. An April 2011 notification from the State's Personnel and Administrative Reforms Department said the Chakhesang and Pochury tribes inhabiting Phek district will be clubbed together for half the 12%, while the Zeliang tribe will have 4% of government jobs reserved for them, and the remaining 2% will be reserved for the Sumi tribe in Kiphire district. Beyond Kiphire, the Sumis are among the five non-BT communities along with the Angamis, Aos, Lothas, and Rengmas.

> An organisation of five 'advanced' tribes seeks a fresh look at the job quota system, saying a review is long overdue

Why do the tribes want this policy revised?

In September 2024, the Five Tribes Committee on Review of Reservation Policy (CoRRP) submitted a memorandum to the State government, requesting an assessment of the job quota system. The members of this committee are representatives of the apex social bodies of each of these five tribes. The committee argued that the policy was relevant in 1977, but it no longer reflects the prevailing socio-economic and educational landscape of the State. Its secretary, G.K. Zhimomi, said that the CoRRP's core demand was to "either scrap the reservation policy altogether or allocate the remaining unreserved (20%) quota to the five tribes." He also said the government went back on a move to review the policy in 1987 and issued an order two years later, stating that the quota slabs would continue until further notice. The CoRRP set its first 30-day deadline on April 26 for the government to act on its demand for a review. "We are not against any tribe benefiting from the reservation policy. A review of this 48-year-old policy is long overdue because of the vastly different scenario now," they said.

How did the government respond?

Reacting to the CoRRP's demand, student and social organisations of the BTs listed as beneficiaries of the job quota opposed any potential revision, arguing that the dilution of the current policy would disproportionately harm the State's marginalised communities. Wary of a backlash from these tribes, the government chose to tread carefully. The CoRRP launched its initial phase of agitation after the expiry of its 30-day ultimatum. It was suspended after Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton assured them that a commission to review the policy would be constituted by June 17. However, Mr. Rio remarked that any significant administrative reforms, including those related to reservations or delimitation, should be undertaken only after the national Census exercise scheduled for 2027. On August 6, the State Cabinet approved the constitution of a seven-member Job Reservation Commission to be headed by a retired IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre. The following day, government spokesperson and Minister K.G. Kenye cited official data to claim that the five non-BT tribes hold 64% of the government jobs while the BT tribes hold 34%. He indicated that the status quo needed to be maintained.

Why does the stalemate continue?

The CoRRP criticised the first commission announced in August as it accommodated a member each from the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation, the Central Nagaland Tribes Council, and the Tenyimi Union Nagaland. They insisted that this commission lacked neutrality as these three organisations represented the BTs wholly or partially. The CoRRP also found fault with the second commission the government announced on September 22. They said that the government deviated from an agreement to name this panel 'Job Reservation Commission' instead of 'Reservation Review Commission', thus implying it was not serious about reviewing the existing quota system. The difference over the panel's nomenclature is yet to be resolved.

How is India responding to crowding disasters?

Why did things get out of hand at actor Vijay's political rally in Tamil Nadu? What are the crowd control protocols in place? Are these measures statutory? Where have the most enforceable initiatives emerged? Should responsibility of managing crowds be fixed on organisers?

Vasudevan Mukunth

The story so far:

On September 27, a political rally by actor and Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) founder Vijay in Tamil Nadu's Karur district ended in a fatal crowd crush in which 41 people were killed. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin appointed a one-person commission headed by retired judge Aruna Jagadeesan to examine the tragedy's causes. He said rules for public events would be framed once the commission submitted its report.

What happened in Karur?

The event was part of Mr. Vijay's first State-wide political tour. TVK organisers initially presented a list of four central business locations in Karur for the rally, but the police rejected them as they were too congested and instead granted permission for Velusamypuram on the Karur-Erode road, where other political parties had previously held events. The organisers said Mr. Vijay would speak at 12 p.m., and supporters began assembling from 9 a.m. He was delayed however, and as the day wore on, the crowd grew steadily, with several thousands gathering in the evening. By the time Mr. Vijay reached Karur from Namakkal around 6 p.m., his convoy could not access the meeting spot because of the crowd. The congestion worsened when the gathering was forced to make way for his vehicles. Witnesses described having no space to move. Residents also recalled younger people climbing poles and transformers to get a glimpse of the actor while others said the event's timing coincided with evening wage disbursals for textile workers, adding to congestion in the area.

As the programme began around 7.20 p.m., people started fainting in the crowd. When the situation deteriorated further, Mr. Vijay departed from the spot and ambulances began to arrive soon after, taking injured people to government hospitals in Karur, Namakkal, and Tiruchi. By nightfall, dozens were reported dead and scores injured. Many of the 41 people who died were young adults aged 18-30.

> Across States, organisers of large religious or political gatherings have been asked to limit crowd size and take other measures

Death rush: TVK founder Vijay's rally during which 41 people were killed due to a crowd crush in Karur, Tamil Nadu on September 27. MOORTHY. M

What has India done to manage crowds?

At the national level, the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) published its most recent Comprehensive Guidelines on Crowd Control and Mass Gathering Management in June 2025. These guidelines, intended for police and other law enforcement agencies, emphasise scientific crowd management practices. The National Disaster Management Authority has maintained its "Managing crowd at events and venues of mass gathering" guide since 2020 alongside "suggestive frameworks" for crowd management plans. These documents recommend advance risk assessment, detailed site layout plans, predetermined ingress and egress routes, real-time monitoring, and communication protocols. The National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) has run training modules to handle large congregations as part of its capacity-building programmes.

After the crowd crush at a New Delhi railway station in February, the Indian Railways updated its manuals for around 60 stations with high footfall by introducing holding areas, better dispersal zones and crowd monitoring, among others. These measures are mostly advisory, however, and not statutory.

What measures have States introduced?

Following a deadly stampede outside M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru in June 2025, the Karnataka government tabled the Crowd Control (Managing Crowd at Events and Venues of Mass Gathering) Bill, 2025. This instrument covers political rallies, conferences, cultural programmes, and other events, and fixes responsibility on organisers. It also empowers district magistrates to cancel or redirect events, regulate the use of loudspeakers, and impose fines and imprisonment for violations.

The Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority issued the Guidelines for Managing Crowd at Events of Mass Gathering, 2023 – a document that formalises measures for religious and cultural events. The Gujarat Institute of Disaster Management prepared training materials that include technical instructions on calculating site capacity, planning exits, training volunteers, and ensuring first aid and fire safety.

After a stampede at the Mansa Devi temple in Haridwar in July, the Uttarakhand government ordered safety arrangements at major temples to be updated and directed authorities to remove encroachments around shrines.

The Maharashtra government introduced a Bill in 2025 empowering the Nasik-Trimbakeshwar Kumbh Mela Authority to authorise temporary townships and bypass certain urban planning norms so that facilities can be created for large gatherings.

Local enforcement agencies have supplemented these steps with operating protocols. After the Bengaluru incident, for instance, the Karnataka police circulated a new Standard Operating Procedure to control crowds at public functions and detailed responsibilities for coordination between departments, medical preparedness, and fire safety.

In many districts across States, the police have also directed organisers of large religious or political gatherings to prepare crowd management plans, limit crowd size, deploy medical teams, set up temporary barricades, and divert routes. These orders are still only administrative and aren't backed by a law. Most State-level initiatives have also been introduced after specific accidents: the Uttarakhand directives followed the Haridwar stampede; Tamil Nadu's announcement after the Karur rally deaths; Karnataka's Bill after the stadium incident; and Maharashtra's Bill after incidents related to the Prayagraj Kumbh Mela.

What is scientific crowd control?

According to prevailing scientific wisdom, safely navigating a crowd depends on controlling its density and sidestepping hazardous flow patterns. Modelling studies have shown that the risk of a deadly crush escalates when crowd density approaches 5 persons per sq. m. Since cameras on drones linked to computers on the ground can continuously monitor crowd density, not using such technologies to manage crowds is seen as a shortcoming.

Second, crowds should never be channelled into bottlenecks, slopes or counter-flows because they magnify pressure and destabilise movement. In a moving crowd, individuals are advised to move diagonally, towards the less dense edges, and to avoid resisting the flow. Because compressive asphyxia rather than trampling is the main cause of fatalities, individuals should keep their forearms across the chest to protect their breathing space and maintain balance with staggered footing. If one is knocked down, rolling to the side and shielding the head and neck while attempting to rise quickly is recommended.

Finally, people should avoid rigid barriers such as fences, walls or stages where pressures against the body can rise dangerously. Stopping to retrieve dropped items or to film in dense flows must be avoided since even brief obstructions can create waves of turbulence.

Why is a spectre of empty classrooms looming?

What has the Supreme Court ruled on the Teachers' Eligibility Test? How many teachers are likely to be affected? Why has Tamil Nadu sought a review? What does Article 21A lay down? What is the situation in other States? Are minority institutions part of the verdict?

Krishnadas Rajagopal

The story so far:

The State of Tamil Nadu has sought a review of a Supreme Court judgment requiring in-service teachers from Classes 1-8 in non-minority schools across the country to clear the Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) in two years or be "compulsorily retired". Other States have equally voiced concern about the September 1 judgment and its harsh lesson to lakhs of teachers validly employed in government, aided, unaided and private schools mentioned under Section 2(n) of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education (RTE) Act, 2009. They are likely to follow Tamil Nadu to the top court.

What is the situation in Tamil Nadu?

Tamil Nadu alone employs 4,49,850 teachers in government and aided schools, of whom 3,90,458 are not TET-qualified. The States have argued that if the judgment is implemented, the entire school system faces the imminent prospect of collapse, with mass disqualification of teachers and denial of classroom instruction to millions of children. Tamil Nadu argues that the judgment provokes a direct conflict with Article 21A (fundamental right to free and compulsory education for children aged six to 14) of the Constitution. The State has sought a balance between ensuring quality of education and safeguarding the right to education.

> 'Section 23 of the RTE Act does not call for a blanket mandate for Teachers' Eligibility Test'

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What did the judgment mandate?

The two-judge Bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Manmohan is not unaware of the ground realities. Justice Datta, who authored the September 1 judgment, acknowledged the contributions of non-TET qualified teachers appointed prior to the RTE Act. The court agreed that dislodging elementary school teachers was a "bit harsh" as they have taught students for decades without any serious complaints. Hence, the court, invoking Article 142 of the Constitution, has exempted teachers with less than five years left to retire from taking the TET. However, they would have to clear the TET if they seek promotion. But teachers who have more than five years of service must mandatorily qualify for the TET within two years from the date of the judgment. If they fail, they would have to quit service or be retired with terminal benefits.

Future appointments or promotions for teachers in non-minority schools would necessarily require TET qualification.

Further, the two-judge Bench judgment referred to a larger Bench the question whether minority educational institutions ought to be also included under the purview of the RTE Act. The court noted that the minority status was being misused by school managements to circumvent the mandate of the RTE Act to have TET-qualified teachers conduct elementary education. The judgment was based on a batch of appeals questioning school education departments' insistence on faculty clearing the TET in minority institutions.

The two-judge Bench criticised a 2014 Constitution Bench judgment in the *Pramati Educational and Cultural Trust* case, which took minority institutions entirely outside the ambit of the RTE Act. The September 1 judgment made a strong pitch to bring schools run by minorities – whether religious or linguistic – into the RTE fold as the 2014 judgment had "unknowingly jeopardised the very foundation of universal elementary education". It said the exemption of minority institutions from the RTE Act has led to "fragmentation of the common schooling vision and weakening of the idea of inclusivity and universality envisioned by Article 21A".

What do the review petitions argue?

Review petitions filed by Tamil Nadu and a Kerala-based teacher's union, Deseeya Adhyapakha Parishad (NTU) Kerala, argues that "even if the objective of enhancing teaching quality is accepted as legitimate, compelling pre-RTE Act appointees to pass TET on pain of disqualification is manifestly disproportionate". Tamil Nadu recommended "less intrusive alternatives" like in-service training, capacity building, refresher courses, or bridging programmes to achieve the same goal without destabilising the education system.

At the centre of the controversy is the interpretation of Section 23 of the RTE Act. As per 23 (1), the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) has laid down minimum qualifications for a person to be eligible for appointment as a teacher in Classes one to eight, through its notification on August 23, 2010. An essential qualification is passing the TET conducted by the appropriate government. The rationale for including the TET is to bring national standards and the benchmark of teacher quality in the recruitment process.

In its review petition, Tamil Nadu contended that Section 23(1) would apply only to future recruitment of teachers. The State refers to Section 23(2) which empowers the Centre, through notification, to relax the minimum educational qualifications for appointment of teachers for a limited period not exceeding five years in case States have to deal with contingencies of dearth of teachers or institutional shortages. A proviso appended to Section 23 also makes it clear that any teacher who, at the commencement of the RTE Act, did not possess the minimum qualifications (TET) must acquire such qualifications within a period of five years. Section 23 does not call for a "blanket mandate" for TET nor could the interpretation of the provision be stretched to retrospectively disqualify teachers who were validly appointed before the notification of minimum qualifications (TET), Tamil Nadu submitted in its review plea.

The State said the September 1 judgment raises the spectre of "empty classrooms" and distracted teachers scrambling to save their livelihood for the next two years.

PROFILES

A man of many wars

Tony Blair

The former British Prime Minister, who implemented the Blair Doctrine of 'humanitarian interventionism' by sending British troops to Kosovo in 1999 and to Sierra Leone, and earned public opprobrium for cheerleading the 2003 Iraq war, is set to play a key role in governing Gaza

G. Sampath

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, 72, will play a key role in the transitional body that will govern the post-war Gaza Strip, as per U.S. President Donald Trump's 20-point "Peace Plan". Mr. Trump's plan draws heavily from a proposal that Mr. Blair himself had developed through his think tank, the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change.

In Mr. Blair's version of the plan, an international body, the Gaza International Transitional Authority (GITA), would govern the Gaza Strip for a certain number of years. In Mr. Trump's proposal, Article 9 states that Gaza would be "governed under the temporary transitional governance of a technocratic, apolitical Palestinian committee". This Palestinian committee, however, will report to "a new international transitional body, the "Board of Peace", which will be headed and chaired by U.S. President Donald J. Trump, with other members and heads of State to be announced, including former Prime Minister Tony Blair."

The governance structure comprising a transitional Palestinian committee and the Board of Peace is a rehash of Mr. Blair's GITA model. Both versions envisage an administrative hierarchy with a wealthy white man (Mr. Blair/Mr. Trump) from the West helming an apex body that would "exercise supreme strategic and political authority". Palestinian representation comes at the bottom of the managerial ladder. Its remit is restricted to the nitty-gritty of civic governance such as policing, municipal services, and vaccination programmes.

Mr. Trump's plan also makes it clear that the "framework and funding" for the redevelopment of Gaza will be managed by the Board of Peace. As per leaked excerpts of Mr. Blair's proposal, this Board would consist of seven to 10 members, with sizeable representation to billionaire investors, alongside Arab/Muslim faces to bestow a semblance of legitimacy.

A major criticism levelled against Mr. Trump's Gaza plan is that Palestinians were not consulted, which is both true and unsurprising, given its provenance in Mr. Blair's think tank. However, what has sparked outrage is the return of Mr. Blair as a "Governor" figure. British politician George Galloway posted on social media, "Once it was clear that Satan was fully occupied elsewhere, Tony Blair was the obvious choice to govern Gaza for Trump and Netanyahu." British and American broadcaster Mehdi Hasan wrote, "Putting Tony Blair in charge of any kind of peace effort in the Middle East [West Asia] is like making the arsonist the head fire-fighter; the burglar the chief detective." What makes Mr. Blair such a polarising figure, and why is he the chosen one to run Gaza?

Labour leader

Mr. Blair became leader of the Labour Party in 1994 following the untimely death of his predecessor, John Smith. Interestingly, he did so despite the fact that party colleague and rival Gordon Brown was seen as Smith's natural successor. A gifted politician, Mr. Blair broke with traditional Labour politics – democratic socialism riding on support from trade unions – by following a "third way" that won over the middle classes. Named "New Labour" by analysts, he adopted a centrist, pro-market stance on the economic front, and in a sharp departure from the non-interventionism of "old Labour", embraced an 'interventionist' foreign policy. The shift worked brilliantly. Mr. Blair led Labour to victory in three consecutive parliamentary elections. He became the longest-serving Labour Prime Minister in British history, holding office from 1997 to 2007. Worsening relations with Mr. Brown, however, forced him to resign in June 2007.

As Prime Minister, Mr. Blair's biggest achievement was brokering the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, which ended decades of brutal sectarian conflict in Northern Ireland. It was a triumph that would become his calling card – and a rather lucrative one – as an expert in conflict resolution. He also put into action the "Blair Doctrine" of "humanitarian interventionism" by sending British troops to Kosovo in 1999 and to Sierra Leone, a former British colony, in 2000. He believed that "the international community" had a right to intervene in the internal affairs of sovereign nations in order to stop human rights abuses.

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Ironically, his penchant for interventionism, which won him plaudits in the context of Kosovo and Sierra Leone, would, with his cheerleading of the 2003 Iraq war, lead to his downfall and eventual status as a political pariah. The Chilcot Inquiry into Britain's involvement in the Iraq war delivered a searing indictment of Mr. Blair's role as Prime Minister, charging him with deceiving the British people and dragging Britain into an unnecessary, illegal war on false pretexts (there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq). It also noted that Mr. Blair sent British troops to a country that posed no threats to British interests, in a move that cost the lives of 179 British citizens, besides thousands of Iraqi lives, displacing millions of Iraqis, and creating long-term instability in the region. It led many, including members of his own party, to brand him a "war criminal".

Immediately after resigning as PM, Mr. Blair was made the "Middle East Envoy" of the Quartet – the U.S., the United Nations, the European Union, and Russia. On paper, his mandate was to help build Palestinian institutions and liaise with all the stakeholders for economic development. But Mr. Blair, a trusted friend of Israel, made no visible effort to either halt the expansion of Israeli settlements or push for a two-state settlement. He failed to win the trust or respect of the Palestinians. Though he flopped as a peacemaker, his personal wealth grew rapidly, through paid consultancies with governments in the region, speaking engagements, and operating as an intermediary for billionaire businessmen.

Larry Ellison, the Zionist billionaire who is in talks to buy TikTok, is a donor to the Tony Blair Institute. Mr. Blair also became an adviser to JPMorgan Chase, a bank that, as reported by journalist Jonathan Cook, benefited massively from at least one major deal brokered by Mr. Blair in his capacity as West Asia envoy. According to Mr. Cook, Mr. Blair got Israel to open up West Bank's airwaves for a Palestinian cellphone company. But the price negotiated by Mr. Blair is quite revealing: the Palestinians had to stop raising the issue of Israeli war crimes at the UN.

This is the "experience of the region" that Mr. Blair brings to his latest job. It is evident that this experience is viewed favourably by his most important backers, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (wanted by the International Criminal Court for war crimes), and Mr. Trump, who continues to aid and abet the genocide in Gaza. More than a century after one British politician inaugurated a settler colonial project in Palestine with the Balfour Declaration, Palestinians in Gaza remain mute witnesses as their fate, and their future, is delivered into the hands of another, their new viceroy.

THE GIST

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A marshland of contention

Sir Creek

The 96-km-long estuary that lies between Kutch and Pakistan's Sindh is of enormous economic importance, and became a flashpoint following Pakistan's May 8 strikes against India

Saurabh Trivedi

Sir Creek is a 96-km-long estuary that lies between Kutch in Gujarat and Pakistan's Sindh province. It is a muddy, uninhabited marshland in the Rann of Kutch that flows into the Arabian Sea. Once known as Ban Ganga, it was renamed Sir Creek after a British officer during colonial times.

The dispute over this area dates back to the British period. During the time, the entire region was part of the Bombay Presidency, which included the present-day Maharashtra, Gujarat and Sindh. After Partition in 1947, Sindh became part of Pakistan while Kutch remained with India. The core of the dispute is about where to draw the boundary.

Pakistan claims the entire creek, citing a 1914 Bombay Government Resolution that established the boundary along the eastern bank – the so-called Green Line – effectively placing the creek in Sindh. India argues for the mid-channel principle, backed by a 1925 map and the internationally accepted Thalweg principle, which says that the border between two nations sharing a navigable waterway should run along the deepest channel. India maintains that Sir Creek becomes navigable during high tide, and so the boundary should run through the middle. Pakistan disputes this, insisting that the creek is not navigable.

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Economical value

Though the creek itself has little military value, it is of enormous economic importance. The definition of the International Boundary at Sir Creek has a direct impact on the delimitation of both countries' Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) in the Arabian Sea. The EEZs extend up to 200 nautical miles (370.4 km) beyond a nation's territorial waters, within which it has jurisdiction over living and non-living resources.

Apart from the EEZs, control over the Creek would influence the delimitation of maritime boundaries, including continental shelves, which are crucial for oil and gas exploration. The region is believed to have reserves of both, and fishing rights are also a sensitive issue. Fishermen from both countries often cross the unmarked maritime boundary by mistake and end up being arrested.

The Gulf of Kutch houses two of India's major ports – Mundra and Kandla – which add to the strategic weight. In addition, Chinese-backed mining and power projects on the Pakistani side of the Rann of Kutch have raised concerns in India that civilian projects could turn into strategic or military assets.

Recent months have seen the issue flaring up again. Between May 8 and 9, Pakistan violated Indian airspace by attempting to target military installations with up to 400 drones across 36 locations, including the Sir Creek region. Intelligence reports have highlighted heavy Pakistani military activity near the creek. At the same time, Pakistan's Army chief Asim Munir has threatened strikes against an oil refinery in Jamnagar, not far from the area.

Against this backdrop, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, during a visit on October 2, warned Pakistan that "a route to Karachi passes through Sir Creek", reminding Islamabad of India's 1965 advance close to Lahore. He stressed that while India had tried to resolve the dispute through dialogue, Pakistan's intentions remained dubious. Any act of aggression, he said, would invite a strong response that could "change both history and geography".

Security officials familiar with the terrain of Sir Creek say large-scale ground offensives are nearly impossible in this marshy, roadless and uninhabited zone. Infiltrators have been caught in the past, but the bigger challenge today comes from UAVs and drones, which could target critical infrastructure such as ports and refineries located in the EEZ. The Sir Creek dispute is no longer only about boundary lines but also about energy security, maritime rights, and the risk of combined strategic pressure from Pakistan and China.

The boundary in Sir Creek and the maritime line between India and Pakistan remain unresolved. A joint hydrographic survey in January 2007 was followed by talks in May 2007 in Islamabad, where both sides exchanged maps and agreed to continue talks. The data failed to resolve the core disagreement over the boundary's location. After the 1972 Simla Agreement, it is not possible for a third party to intervene either.

Ladakh's engineer of change

Sonam Wangchuk

The education reformer, roped in by Ladakh's civil society groups to represent their causes, has been arrested under the National Security Act

Vijaita Singh

On October 2, Gitanjali J. Angmo, wife of the 59-year-old engineer-turned-teacher-turned-climate-activist Sonam Wangchuk, moved the Supreme Court seeking to know the whereabouts of her husband. Days ago, on September 26, Mr. Wangchuk was detained under the National Security Act (NSA), 1980, from his village Uleytokpo by the Ladakh police and sent to the Jodhpur central jail.

The education reformer, who inspired the Hindi movie *3 Idiots* (2009), has been labelled by the police as the "ring-leader" of the September 24 violence in Leh city that led to the death of four persons and resulted in injuries to around 150 people.

After Article 370 of the Constitution was read down by Parliament in 2019, Ladakh civil society groups have been protesting for constitutional safeguards such as Statehood and inclusion under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution. The groups came together in 2020 to demand protection from outsiders, following which the government formed a high-powered committee (HPC) in January 2023. However, Mr. Wangchuk was roped in by the groups, and he soon became the face of protests in Ladakh.

Mr. Wangchuk used social media as well as conventional media to educate people about the happenings in Ladakh. He initially projected the protests as an attempt to save the fragile ecology. He highlighted that the proposed solar projects by big corporations could sound the death knell for the region. But the protests later attained a political tone.

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Past incidents

His ongoing detention under the NSA is not his first brush with the law. On October 10, 2024, Mr. Wangchuk was released following five days in police detention in Delhi after a foot march, which he started from Leh on September 1, 2024, was curtailed in Delhi. He went on a hunger strike while in detention. He broke his fast after the Union Home Ministry promised to resume dialogue with civil society leaders. Asked if he would pursue legal action against the Delhi Police, he told *The Hindu*, "We are only interested in saving the Himalayas, particularly Ladakh. We are very grateful that they detained us. They acted like amplifiers, loudspeakers for our message." He added: "I am an environmentalist, not a politician."

On September 25, hours before he was detained, Mr. Wangchuk told *The Hindu* that he had strong suspicion that he would be detained under the "draconian Public Safety Act (PSA, applicable in erstwhile J&K). The Home Ministry accused him of making "provocative statements", and the Ladakh administration accused him of suggesting "self-immolation" to the people of Ladakh on "multiple occasions" along the "lines of protests in Tibet". Before he was detained, Mr. Wangchuk had denied all charges, and said the government was making him a scapegoat.

Mr. Wangchuk and 15 others were on the 15th day of their 35-day hunger strike when the violence erupted. This was his fifth hunger strike in the past five years to draw the government's attention.

A government official said the activist was using the protests as a platform to fulfil his political ambitions. "Earlier, he was not part of the government-constituted HPC, but after the last rounds of talks on May 27, which were successful and led to the Ministry notifying domicile and reservation policies for the region, he started a campaign to include him in the committee."

In the past month, the Ladakh administration cancelled the land allotted to the Himalayan Institute of Alternative Learning (HIAL), founded by Mr. Wangchuk in 2018. After the September 24 violence, the Home Ministry cancelled the FCRA registration of Students Educational and Cultural Movement of Ladakh (SECMOL), a school which he founded in 1988 for students who failed the Board examinations.

Winner of the Ramon Magsaysay Award in 2018, he was instrumental in the launch of Operation New Hope, a triangular collaboration of the government, village communities and civil society to bring reforms in the government school system in 1994. Since there was no school in his village, he was home-schooled by his single mother in Ladakhi language till the age of 9. His uncle, who followed Islam, taught him English and Urdu through radio and billboards.

JAKARTA

Indonesia school collapse death toll rises to 17, dozens still missing

AP

The death toll in an Indonesian school collapse rose to 17 on Saturday, officials said, as rescuers deployed heavy machinery to recover dozens more victims believed still buried under the rubble. Part of the multi-storey boarding school collapsed suddenly on Monday as students gathered for afternoon prayers. AFP

JERUSALEM

Israel confirms 137 more activists from Gaza-bound flotilla deported

REUTERS

Israel said on Saturday that it had deported to Turkiye 137 more activists who were detained while taking part in an aid flotilla bound for Gaza. The Israeli Foreign Ministry said those deported were citizens of the United States, Italy, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Jordan and several other countries. AFP

MUNICH

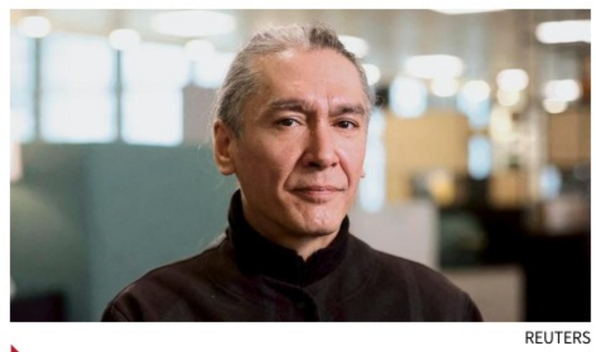
Munich airport reopens after second closure in less than a day

REUTERS

Germany's Munich Airport reopened on Saturday morning after authorities shut it down the night before for the second time in less than 24 hours after two additional drone sightings, officials said. Delays were expected to continue throughout Saturday, the airport said. At least 6,500 passengers were impacted by the closure. AP

BEIJING

Aung San Suu Kyi's son appeals to Xi to secure her release from jail



REUTERS

Myanmar's imprisoned pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi's son Kim Aris has appealed to Chinese President Xi Jinping to put pressure on the junta to release his mother from jail. Mr. Aris said he believed Ms. Suu Kyi had "a better relationship with China", but "officials were denied access to her". PTI

Conservative Takaichi set to be Japan's first woman Prime Minister

Takaichi, who defeated Shinjiro Koizumi in a run-off vote, faces major challenges including an ageing population, economic troubles, geopolitical tensions, and immigration concerns; her leadership is expected to strain ties with China, South Korea

Agence France-Presse
TOKYO

New era: Sanae Takaichi stands after being elected as the new leader of Japan's ruling LDP in Tokyo on Saturday. AP

Conservative Sanae Takaichi hailed a "new era" on Saturday after becoming head of Japan's ruling party, putting her on course to become the country's first woman Prime Minister.

The 64-year-old, whose hero is Margaret Thatcher, said that a "mountain of work" lay ahead to restore the fortunes of her ailing Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

The LDP has governed Japan almost uninterrupted for decades but it has been haemorrhaging support as backing grows for smaller parties, including the anti-immigration Sanseito.

Ms. Takaichi will almost certainly be approved by Parliament later this month as Japan's fifth Prime Minister in as many years. She is set to face a host of complex issues including an ageing population, geopolitical upheaval, a faltering economy and growing unease about immigration.

"Together with so many of you, we have carved a new era for the LDP," Ms. Takaichi said at LDP headquarters after winning a run-off vote against the telegenic and more socially progressive Shinjiro Koizumi.

"We must all pull together across all generations and work as one to rebuild [the LDP]... Everyone will have to work like a horse," she said to applause.

Ms. Koizumi, 44, would have been Japan's youngest Prime Minister in the modern era and represented a generational change for the LDP.

One of Ms. Takaichi's first official duties as premier will be receiving U.S. President Donald Trump, who is reportedly set to make a stopover in Japan in late October.

Ms. Takaichi said on Saturday that she had no plans to overturn Tokyo's recent trade deal – over which questions remain X– with Washington.

Ms. Takaichi has been a strident critic of China's military build-up, and as a regular visitor to the Yasukuni war shrine, her appointment may irk Beijing as well as Seoul.

Beijing's Foreign Ministry reacted to her win by saying "it is hoped that Japan will abide by... its political commitments on major issues such as history and Taiwan, (and) pursue a positive and rational policy toward China".

Outgoing premier Shigeru Ishiba took the reins last year but his LDP-led coalition lost its majority in both Houses of Parliament, in part because of voter anger at inflation and an LDP slush fund scandal.

Pakistan, PoK protesters reach deal following unrest

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

Awami Action Committee members gather as they take part in a demonstration in Muzaffarabad on September 29. AFP

After days of violent unrest in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), the federal government and protesters on Saturday signed an agreement to end the ongoing demonstrations that have left at least 10 people dead and hundreds injured.

Violence marred the peace of the region owing to a strike, which began on September 29, when talks broke down between officials and leaders of the Jammu Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee (JKJAAC), a representative body of protesters.

The protesters had issued a charter of 38 points, urging the authorities to accept them or they would take to the roads, which they did eventually, leading to violent clashes with police that killed at least 10 people, including three police personnel. Hundreds of policemen and civilians were injured in the protests.

'Victory for peace'

"Negotiating delegation has signed the final agreement with the Action Committee.... The protesters are returning to their homes. All roads have been reopened. This is a victory for peace," Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Tariq Fazal Chaudhry posted on X. The copy of the agreement shared by Mr. Chaudhry on X showed that a detailed document with 25 points was signed to end the protest, including compensation for those killed in violence, registering cases of terrorism on the incidents of violence and vandalism resulting in deaths of police personnel and protestors.

Russian strike hits Ukraine train, killing one and injuring 30

Reuters
KYIV

Two Russian drones struck trains at a station in Ukraine's northern Sumy region, killing one person and injuring about 30 others, officials said on Saturday, with Ukraine's Foreign Minister accusing Moscow of deliberately hitting passenger trains.

"A brutal Russian drone strike on the railway station in Shostka, Sumy region," Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy wrote on Telegram, posting a video of a wrecked, burning passenger carriage and others with their windows blown out.

"This is one of the most brutal Russian tactics – the so-called 'double tap', when the second strike hits rescuers and people being evacuated," Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said in a statement released by his Ministry.

Four students injured in bomb blast inside school in northwest Pakistan

Press Trust of India
PESHAWAR

At least four students were injured in a bomb explosion inside a private school in Khyber Pakhthunkhwa province in northwestern Pakistan, local police said on Saturday.

A fourth grade student picked up a 'toy bomb' on his way to school and took it with him inside his classroom in Jamrud tehsil l in Khyber district, bordering Afghanistan, on Friday, according to the school administration.

'Toy bombs' are mortar shells lying abandoned in the province, especially along the areas bordering Afghanistan, often mistaken by children for a toy.

On Friday, the student who had taken the toy bomb inside his classroom dropped it on the floor, resulting in the explosion.

Police said the injured students were immediately shifted to a hospital in Peshawar, where they were provided treatment and later discharged.

'Toy bombs' are mortar shells lying abandoned, often mistaken by children for a toy

Security personnel have cordoned off the area and launched a search operation to locate and defuse other possible unexploded shells to prevent further casualties.

Police said they have launched an investigation into the incident.

Last year on December 27, four young boys died and two were critically injured as an old mortar shell exploded in Bajaur district of the province.

Such incidents have repeatedly endangered local communities, particularly children, who often mistake the dangerous devices for harmless objects. Several of the tribal areas along the Afghanistan border are heavily mined and unexploded explosive devices are commonly found in open fields.

Iran executes six men for 'attacks on behalf of Israel'

Associated Press
DUBAI

Iran executed six death-row inmates on Saturday it alleged carried out attacks in the country's oil-rich southwest on behalf of Israel, the latest prisoners to be put to death in a wave of executions believed to be the highest in decades.

Iran said the men killed police officers and security forces, as well as orchestrated bombings targeting sites around Khorramshahr in Iran's restive Khuzestan province. Iranian state television aired footage of one of the men talking about the attacks, saying it was the first time the details were being made public.

A Kurdish group called the Hengaw Organization for Human Rights reported the execution, identifying the men as "Arab political prisoners" detained during protests in 2019.

Sport

Vidarbha lower-order frustrates RoI

IRANI CUP

Amol Karhadkar
NAGPUR

Kamboj... a four-wicket haul. PTI

Vidarbha displayed its fighting instincts in plenty as the lower-order virtually shut the door on Rest of India (RoI) on the fourth day of the Irani Cup encounter at the Vidarbha Cricket Association Stadium, Jamtha, here on Saturday.

Captain to the rescue

Thanks to captain Akshay Wadkar's rescue act along with the tail, Vidarbha prevented RoI from clawing its way back into the contest by setting up a stiff target of 361 in four sessions on a pitch that has rapidly turned into a spinner's paradise.

In yet another curtailed final session due to a spell of shower, Aditya Thakare breached Aryan Juyal's defences with a peach before left-arm spinner Harsh Dubey trapped Abhimanyu Easwaran in front of the stumps with an arm ball.

At close on the penultimate day, RoI was reeling at 30 for two, with captain Rajat Patidar and Ishan Kishan having survived an anxious 34 minutes together. Had Danish Malewar in the slip cordon not dropped three catches off Easwaran's blade – on 0 and 4 off successive deliveries in Harsh's opening over of the innings and on 10 off Thakare in the next – Vidarbha may have inched closer to its third Irani Cup.

Vidarbha started the day with a lead of 224 and eight wickets in hand. RoI had to stage a collapse in a bid to give itself an outside chance.

Superb spell

Anshul Kamboj was charged up, running through the Vidarbha middle-order. In a spell that read 5-1-12-3, Kamboj dismissed Danish Malewar (caught off the inside-edge), leftie Yash Rathod (went after a full one to nick behind) and Dhruv Shorey (ruled out lbw off one that jagged back in).

As a result, after the first half hour, Vidarbha had lost three wickets for just nine runs.

Crucial partnerships

Wadkar then stitched together vital partnerships with Harsh (39 for the sixth wicket) and Darshan Nalkande (35 for the eighth) to take the fizz out of the RoI attack.

Besides adding 127 runs combined, the last five Vidarbha wickets also batted for four-and-a-half hours before Nalkande (35, 92b, 2x4, 1x6) ran out of patience and mishit one off offie Saransh Jain.

The scores:

Vidarbha 342 & 232 in 94.1 overs (Aman Mokhade 37, Akshay Wadkar 36, Darshan Nalkande 35, Anshul Kamboj 4/34) vs Rest of India 214 & 30/2 in 12 overs.

Red Bishop and Arrived should fight out the finish

HYDERABAD: Red Bishop and Arrived should fight out the finish of the Race2win Foundation Hyderabad Deccan Derby (Gr.I), the stellar attraction of the season to be held here on Sunday (Oct. 5). There will be no false rails.

1. DELHI RACE CLUB CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o and upward, rated up to 25 (Cat. III), 12.25 p.m.: 1. Pinatubo (3) Kuldeep Sr. 60, 2. Rani Ruckus (4) G. Naresh 60, 3. Aos Si (1) I. Chisty 59.5, 4. Natu Natu (2) Ajay K 59.5, 5. Battle On (5) P. Sai K 58.5, 6. N R I Star (6) Trevor 58.5, 7. Shivalik Model (9) B. Nikhil 58.5, 8. Bold Indian (8) Mukesh K 58, 9. Muaser (7) P. Ajeeth K 57.5 and 10. Deccan Ranger (10) Akshay K 56.

1. N R I STAR, 2. AOS SI, 3. DECCAN RANGER.

2. BANGALORE TURF CLUB CUP (1,600m), 5-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 1.00: 1. Quality Warrior (4) Md. Ismail 60, 2. Das (8) G. Naresh 58.5, 3. Nkalanzinzi (3) I. Chisty 58.5, 4. Shubhrak (7) Surya Prakash 58.5, 5. Take A Breath (1) Sonu K 58, 6. Sucker Punch (9) A.A. Vikrant 57, 7. Alcahol Free (5) Rafique Sk. 55.5, 8. Caraxes (6) Uday Kiran 55.5 and 9. Sadiya (2) H.M. Akshay 53.5.

1. TAKE A BREATH, 2. SHUBHRAK, 3. NKALANZINZI.

3. MADRAS RACE CLUB CUP (1,800m), 3-y-o and upward rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) (No whips), 1.35: 1. Miss Smiley Angel (5) Sonu K 60, 2. Misty Night (7) Akshay K 59, 3. Black Dust (3) P. Sai K 58.5, 4. Challenger (6) Md. Ekram 57, 5. Federer (4) H.M. Akshay 55, 6. Sunny Day (1) P. Ajeeth K 52.5 and 7. Onslaught (2) Neeraj 50.

1. MISTY NIGHT, 2. MISS SMILEY ANGEL, 3. SUNNY DAY.

4. ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP (Div. I) (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 2.10: 1. Miss Maya (5) Sonu K 60, 2. Ode To Nature (6) B. Nikhil 58, 3. Darling's Boy (1) Akshay K 57.5, 4. Calista Girl (13) Ashad Asbar 54, 5. Calistoga (7) Vivek G 53.5, 6. Born Brave (11) Kuldeep Sr. 52.5, 7. Romantic Grey (12) Afroz K 52.5, 8. Best Buddy (10) Nakhat 52, 9. Dali's Destiny (3) G. Naresh 51.5, 10. Star Forever (2) Ajay K 51.5, 11. High Speed Dive (4) Gaurav 51, 12. Exclusive Black (8) I. Chisty 50.5 and 13. Pontefract (9) Parmar 50.5.

1. DARLING'S BOY, 2. CALISTOGA, 3. MISS MAYA.

5. MYSORE RACE CLUB CUP (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III), 2.45: 1. Hurricane Wave (4) Likith Appu 60, 2. Turiya (7) Trevor 58, 3. Aditya (9) Rafique Sk. 57.5, 4. Safala (12) Mukesh K 57, 5. Trust Me (15) G. Naresh 57, 6. Silver Lining (13) Md. Ismail 56, 7. Gusto's Baby (5) Afroz K 54.5, 8. In Proposito (10) B.R. Kumar 53.5, 9. Equine Power (16) P. Sai K 52.5, 10. N R I Range (6) H.M. Akshay 52.5, 11. Red Hot Punch (3) P. Ajeeth K 52, 12. Star Cruise (8) Kuldeep Sr. 52, 13. Atreya (1) B. Nikhil 51, 14. December Dream (11) Gaurav 51, 15. Indubhrit (14) Sonu K 51 and 16. Golden Unicorn (2) Surya Prakash 50.5.

1. EQUINE POWER, 2. GUSTO'S BABY, 3. TURIYA.

6. ROYAL WESTERN INDIA TURF CLUB CUP (1,100m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II), 3.20: 1. High Heels (3) Sandesh 60, 2. Knight Crusader (1) B.R. Kumar 60, 3. Rival (2) Md. Ismail 59, 4. Petaluma (16) Vivek G 57.5, 5. Calabasas (12) Mukesh K 56.5, 6. Arion One (6) Afroz K 54.5, 7. Dashing Charm (5) Ashad Asbar 54.5, 8. Lifes Journey (14) Gaurav 54, 9. Tiger Ruby (9) Surya Prakash 54, 10. Shah Of Iran (11) Rafique Sk. 53.5, 11. Only The Brave (13) H.M. Akshay 53, 12. Her Ladyship (15) Kuldeep Sr. 52.5, 13. Rolls Royce (4) Abhay Singh 52.5, 14. Shoolin (8) B. Nikhil 52.5, 15. Emerald Touch (10) Ajay K 52 and 16. Suryavanshi (7) Akshay K 52.

1. EMERALD TOUCH, 2. CALABASAS, 3. PETALUMA.

7. TURF AUTHORITIES OF INDIA CUP (1,400m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 80 and above (Cat. I), 3.55: 1. Nonpariel (12) Sonu K 63, 2. Huntingdon (11) Likith Appu 61.5, 3. Magnum (2) Afroz K 61, 4. D Minchu (5) P. Ajeeth K 57.5, 5. Uchchaihshravas (8) Neeraj 57.5, 6. Akido (6) Nakhat 57, 7. Vivaldo (10) Ashad Asbar 56.5, 8. Last Wish (3) B.R. Kumar 54.5, 9. Diablo (9) P. Sai K 54, 10. Hurricane Bay (7) Parmar 50, 11. Encore (4) Md. Ekram 50 and 12. Golden Gazelle (1) H.M. Akshay 50.

1. NONPARIEL, 2. UCHCHAIHSHRAVAS, 3. D MINCHU.

8. RACE2WIN FOUNDATION HYDERABAD DECCAN DERBY (Gr. I) (2,000m) (Terms), 3-y-o only, 4.35: 1. Andre (8) Neeraj 56, 2. Arrived (2) Sandesh 56, 3. Corte Madera (6) Parmar 56, 4. Knight Regent (11) Ashad Asbar 56, 5. Matisse (7) Kirtish 56, 6. Mindful (9) Yash Narredu 56, 7. Red Bishop (5) Trevor 56, 8. Superstar (4) Vivek G 56, 9. Term Deposit (3) P. Ajeeth K 56, 10. Tolkien (10) Akshay K 56, 11. Mountain Jewel (1) Antony Raj S 54.5 and 12. Northern Waves (12) Mukesh K 54.5.

1. RED BISHOP, 2. ARRIVED, 3. SUPERSTAR.

9. ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP (Div. II) (1,200m), 3-y-o and upward, rated 60 to 85 (Cat. II), 5.15: 1. Shadow Of The Moon (8) Afroz K 60, 2. Ragnarök (11) Mukesh K 58, 3. She Can (6) Neeraj 55, 4. Kingston (10) Abhay Singh 54, 5. Runlikethewind (3) Md. Ekram 53, 6. Timeless Vision (2) Sandesh 53, 7. Brooklyn Beauty (9) Gaurav 52.5, 8. Cherie Chevalier (7) P. Sai K 52, 9. Dyanoosh (4) Sonu K 51.5, 10. N R I Sport (5) H.M. Akshay 51.5, 11. Pacific Heights (12) Parmar 50.5 and 12. Torchbearer (1) Ajay K 50.5.

1. TIMELESS VISION, 2. SHE CAN, 3. RAGNAROK.

Day's Best: **TIMELESS VISION.**

Jackpot: (i) 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9. Mini Jackpot: (i) 3,4, 5 & 6, (ii) 6, 7, 8 & 9. Treble: (i) 2, 3 & 4, (ii) 4, 5 & 6, (iii) 7, 8 & 9. Tanala: All races.

TWEAKING IT

Made changes skill-wise, helps with shot selection: Jadeja

VIJAY SONEJI

In his last nine Test innings, Ravindra Jadeja has scored two centuries and five half-centuries. "I've made changes both mentally and skill-wise," Jadeja said. "It's the mindset that helps you make the correct shot selection. Whatever shot you think of playing, think twice, and calculate the situation and [assess] the bowling attack."

THE LESSON

We need to trust our defence: Chase reflects on his side's batting

VIJAY SONEJI

West Indies skipper Roston Chase rued his team's lack of batting application. "There weren't any devils in the wicket, as shown by the Indian batters. But I think we needed to trust our defence a bit more. I can't say that we weren't scoring because the run-rate was still good. But we needed to be a little more solid in our defence."

SPORTSMANSHIP

We try to maintain healthy relationships, emphasises Sana

AP

"Our goal is to play. We try to keep healthy relationships with every team. We try to maintain whatever is in the spirit of the game. We like it when everyone mingles and enjoys together. The main thing is to stay focused on what we have come here for," Pakistan skipper Fatima Sana said ahead of the India fixture on Sunday.

NO PLAY

Rain forces the abandonment of Sri Lanka-Australia WC match

GETTY IMAGES

Rain forced the abandonment of the World Cup match between Sri Lanka and Australia in Colombo on Saturday. Incessant rain delayed the toss and both teams shared a point each. Australia leads the table with three points, and the home side is placed fifth. Colombo is expected to receive scattered showers on Sunday also.

Jadeja and Siraj on the ball as Windies sink to innings defeat

The former scalps four and the latter three; after declaring at its overnight score, India cruises home on the third day as the Caribbean batters come a cropper and get bowled out in just 45.1 overs; only Athanaze and Greaves put up some resistance

WI IN INDIA

N. Sudarshan
AHMEDABAD

Done and dusted: The Indian team hardly broke sweat while registering an innings win in the first Test. VIJAY SONEJI

SCOREBOARD

WEST INDIES — 1ST INNINGS
162 in 44.1 overs.
INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
448 for five decl. in 128 overs.
WEST INDIES — 2ND INNINGS
John Campbell c Sai Sudharsan b Jadeja 14 *(32b, 1x4)*, Tagenarine Chanderpaul c Nitish b Siraj 8 *(23b, 1x4)*, Alick Athanaze c & b Washington 38 *(74b, 3x4)*, Brandon King c Rahul b Jadeja 5 *(18b, 1x4)*, Roston Chase b Kuldeep 1 *(4b)*, Shai Hope c Jaiswal b Jadeja 1 *(14b)*, Justin Greaves lbw b Siraj 25 *(52b, 4x4)*, Khary Pierre (not out) 13 *(28b, 2x4)*, Jomel Warrican c Gill b Siraj 0 *(2b)*, Johann Layne c Siraj b Jadeja 14 *(13b, 3x4)*, Jayden Seales c & b Kuldeep 22 *(12b, 1x4, 2x6)*; Extras (b-4, nb-1): 5; Total (in 45.1 overs): 146.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-12 (Chanderpaul, 7.2 overs), 2-24 (Campbell, 10.1), 3-34 (King, 16.2), 4-35 (Chase, 17.3), 5-46 (Hope, 20.6), 6-92 (Athanaze, 35.3), 7-98 (Greaves, 36.4), 8-98 (Warrican, 36.6), 9-122 (Layne, 42.1).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 6-1-16-0, Siraj 11-2-31-3, Jadeja 13-3-54-4, Kuldeep 8.1-3-23-2, Washington 7-1-18-1.
PoM: Jadeja.
India won by an innings and 140 runs to lead the two-match series 1-0.
Second Test: Oct. 10 to 14, New Delhi.

To bat against a full-strength Indian bowling attack anywhere in India is like trying to walk on quicksand.

On Saturday at the Narendra Modi Stadium here, West Indies found out how treacherous it can be as it sunk to an innings and 140-run loss in the opening Test.

India declared on its overnight score of 448 for five, which guaranteed a lead of 286.

With three full days left and against a line-up featuring Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj, Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav and Washington Sundar, it would have been a tall order for most sides.

But the visitors did not even show the stomach for a fight, folding in just 45.1 overs and bringing a close to the proceedings an hour and a half after lunch.

Jadeja finished with four wickets (13-3-54-4) to go with his unbeaten 104 (176b, 6x4, 5x6) and duly earned the Player-of-the-Match award. Siraj took three (three for 31) to finish with a match-haul of seven scalps.

Southpaw Tagenarine Chanderpaul was the first to go, caught superbly behind square on the leg-side by a diving Nitish Kumar off Siraj.

Jadeja, who was introduced early, had the Windies in a bind quickly, with John Campbell caught at short-leg and Brandon King at slip.

Skipper Roston Chase was bamboozled by a delivery from Kuldeep that held its line after pitching and rattled the stumps. Soon, Jadeja excised Shai Hope by having him caught at backward-point by a diving Yashasvi Jaiswal.

From 46 for five, Alick Athanaze (38, 74b, 3x4) and Justin Greaves (25, 52b, 4x4) resisted for a bit, putting together 46 runs. But Athanaze was caught by Washington off his own bowling, courtesy a leading edge as the batter tried to work the ball on the on-side. Greaves was out in the very next over, trapped on the crease by a searing yorker from Siraj.

Nothing quite summed up West Indies' travails like Jomel Warrican's dismissal. An almighty heave off Siraj ended with the right-hander's bat flying to square-leg and the ball into Shubman Gill's safe hands at mid-off. It was a shipwreck of a performance – aimless, rudderless and bereft of any strategy.

If things do not change dramatically in the days leading up to the Delhi Test starting on October 10, the tortured souls of West Indian cricket will take an incredibly long time to see even a glimmer of light.

Gill named ODI skipper; Rohit and Kohli included

N. Sudarshan
AHMEDABAD

Change of guard: Gill has replaced Rohit at the helm in the 50-over format. FILE PHOTO

Waves of transition that have been hitting Indian cricket for a while now crashed against One-Day Internationals on Saturday as Shubman Gill was named India's captain in place of Rohit Sharma, ahead of the three-match series in Australia beginning in Perth on Oct. 19.

Chief selector Ajit Agarkar, in a press briefing here, confirmed that the call to show faith in the Test leader was made with the 2027 World Cup in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia in mind and also because "it's practically impossible to have three different captains for three formats".

Shreyas is deputy

Gill's deputy will be Shreyas Iyer as India is scheduled to play six more ODIs against the visiting South African and New Zealand sides in the next three months.

Rohit, 38, was India's Champions Trophy-winning skipper (March 2025), and also led India to the final of the 2023 World Cup at home. In a stellar stint, Rohit won 42 of the 56 ODIs in which he was at the helm, and averaged 59.42 with the bat in those contests. He has now been retained as a batter in the 50-over squad alongside Virat Kohli, who will soon be 37.

"That's the format they are playing at the moment and we have picked them," said Agarkar. "As far as the 2027 World Cup is concerned, I don't think we need to talk about it today."

Ravindra Jadeja has missed out, though, with Axar Patel being considered the first-choice left-arm tweaker. "Taking two left-arm spinners to Australia is not possible," Agarkar explained. "He [Jadeja] is clearly in the scheme of things but there will be some competition for places. Of course, he was there in the Champions Trophy, but we took those extra spinners because of the conditions there [Dubai]."

Also excluded from the successful Champions Trophy roster are Varun Chakaravarthy and pacer Mohammed Shami. Hardik Pandya, who suffered a quadriceps injury ahead of the recent Asia Cup final, has been replaced by fellow fast-bowling all-rounder Nitish Kumar while Dhruv Jurel has been included as the second wicketkeeper behind K.L. Rahul. The Suryakumar Yadav-led squad for the five-match T20I series in Australia, however, bears a settled look, with the only notable change from the bunch that won the Asia Cup being Nitish's inclusion in place of Hardik.

The squads: ODIs: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer (Vice-capt.), Axar Patel, K.L. Rahul (wk), Nitish Kumar, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Harshit Rana, Mohammed Siraj, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Dhruv Jurel (wk), Yashasvi Jaiswal.

The dates: Oct. 19 (Perth), Oct. 23 (Adelaide), Oct. 25 (Sydney).

T20Is: Suryakumar Yadav (Capt.), Abhishek Sharma, Gill (Vice-capt.), Tilak Varma, Nitish Kumar, Shivam Dube, Axar, Jitesh Sharma (wk), Varun Chakaravarthy, Jasprit Bumrah, Arshdeep, Kuldeep, Harshit, Sanju Samson (wk), Rinku Singh, Washington.

The dates: Oct. 29 (Canberra), Oct. 31 (Melbourne), Nov. 2 (Hobart), Nov. 6 (Gold Coast), Nov. 8 (Brisbane).

Players have to find some way to turn up: Chase

N. Sudarshan
AHMEDABAD

Kuldeep celebrates Chase's wicket. VIJAY SONEJI

Stung by a string of bad results, including the 3-0 thrashing at the hands of Australia at home in July, a special committee of Cricket West Indies (CWI), comprising the likes of Brian Lara and Clive Lloyd, announced a slew of reform measures ahead of the opening Test against India.

One of the key areas the CWI committee touched upon was the financial gap between the West Indies and other top sides.

"There is obviously a struggle in the Caribbean for finances," said captain Roston Chase after the innings and 140-run thrashing on Saturday against India, which reinforced the need for a total shake-up.

"I think the systems in the Caribbean are a bit poor in terms of training facilities and stuff. But, I'm not using that as an excuse to hide the poor performances. I still think the onus is on the players to find some way to turn up."

Batting has been a problem for the West Indies. In the four recent Tests against Australia and India, the Windies have crossed the 200-run mark just once.

"The pitches in the Caribbean are not really batsman friendly," Chase said. "So guys don't really bat for long periods and score big. And then the outfields are really slow. So, when you hit the ball in the gaps, you probably end up struggling to get two."

"That's why you see guys averaging so low. The series against Australia, I think, was the first time I've ever played an international series where not one batsman scored a hundred."

Except against Zimbabwe, West Indies has won none of its last 10 Test series, and the latest reverse to India has meant that it has succeeded in just three of its previous 18 Tests. But Chase is still hopeful of a resurrection.

"If I said no, I wouldn't be a true West Indian," he stated. "We're down right now. But, there have been times where we've been up and other teams have been down and they've risen. We're going to have to take some small steps and try to find a way back up."

Eye on the sky as India takes on Pakistan in Sunday showdown

ODI WORLD CUP

Lavanya L
COLOMBO

Vital cogs: Amanjot and Deepti would look to continue their fine form into the Pakistan match. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Today's Match

Colombo, 3 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD ODIs
Played: 11
India: 11 | Pakistan: 0

IN WORLD CUPS
Played: 4
India: 4 | Pakistan: 0

LIVE ON STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD) & JIOHOTSTAR

It surprises no one that the World Cup league match between India and Pakistan is more about the gestures or lack thereof outside the 22 yards than anything that's done on it.

Much like the temperature levels in the Sri Lankan capital in the days leading up to the fixture, the anticipation of a fourth round of an India-Pakistan contest (three were played in the men's Asia Cup) brought in a big pack of foreign reporters and something World Cup-oblivious locals too know of.

The numbers of this rivalry immediately dampen any expectations of a fist fight. A 11-0 advantage to India in the format is hardly the tussle to match the geopolitical strains of this fixture. Come Sunday, both teams will want to insulate themselves from the outside noise with two crucial points up for grabs.

Pakistan's seven-wicket loss to Bangladesh at the same venue a few days ago exposed the chinks of inconsistency in a fairly in-form batting line-up. The side will hope to bury ghosts of that horror show as it faces a diverse and hungry Indian attack. Renuka Singh was rested in India's 59-run win against Sri Lanka at Guwahati. While the early swing seen at the R. Premadasa Stadium in the previous fixture will suit her early striking tendencies, India has the depth and the spin prowess to afford her more rest.

192 for seven remains the highest score Pakistan has managed against India, scored during the 2013 ODI World Cup in Cuttack, which may be child's play for a side dealing in 300-plus marks. The venue is particularly special for Sneh Rana, who on ODI comeback after two years, finished as Player-of-the-Series for India in the tri-series involving Sri Lanka and South Africa.

The Australia-Sri Lanka fixture on Saturday was abandoned without a ball bowled owing to incessant rain. With cloudy skies and thunderstorms on the cards on Sunday too, one will hope to see as much action as possible.

Chelsea snatches late win over Liverpool

EURO LEAGUES

Agence France-Presse
LONDON

Brazilian teenager Estevao scored a 95th-minute winner as Chelsea inflicted a third consecutive defeat on Liverpool with a 2-1 win at Stamford Bridge on Saturday.

Defending champion Liverpool now trails leader Arsenal by one point at the top of the Premier League table. Earlier, Arsenal beat West Ham United 2-0.

Top results:

Premier League: Leeds 1 (Okafor 34) lost to Tottenham 2 (Tel 23, Kudus 57); Arsenal 2 (Rice 38, Saka 67-pen) bt West Ham 0; Manchester United 2 (Mount 8, Sesko 31) bt Sunderland 0; Chelsea 2 (Caicedo 14, Estevao 90+5) bt Liverpool 1 (Gakpo 63).

LaLiga: Oviedo 0 lost to Levante 2 (Alvarez 30, Eyong 72); Girona 2 (Vanat 18, Martinez 63) bt Valencia 1 (Lopez 57).

INBRIEF

Railways eases past IOC, retains inter-department title

Railways Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) reiterated its supremacy in Indian women's hockey with a 5-1 victory over IOC in the final of the fifth women's inter-department Nationals in New Delhi on Saturday. Navneet Kaur performed a hat-trick while Salima Tete and Sangita Kumari scored once each. Jyoti scored in the dying seconds for IOC. SAI, riding on Vartika Rawat's brace and goals from Aishwarya Chavan and Prini Kandir, beat CBDT 4-1 for third spot. Vaishnavi Phalke scored for CBDT.

Prithviraj Yodhas gets off the mark in the APL

Prithviraj Yodhas got off the mark in the inaugural Archery Premier League (APL) with a victory over Kakatiya Knights in New Delhi on Saturday. With the score tied 4-4 at the end of the fourth set, the outcome was determined by a shoot-off for the first time in this competition. Yodhas began the match on a strong note, maintaining steady aim and composure under pressure. Their consistent scoring helped them win the first set 73-72. Abhishek Verma displayed sharp shooting skills and excellent control to guide his team to an early advantage. The Knights, however, regrouped quickly in the second set. Kakatiya's Jignas fired two perfect 10s in his first two attempts to give the team an ideal start. On the other side, Verma matched the intensity with a 10 in his opening shot, keeping the competition neck and neck. It was Jyoti Surekha who went on to play a crucial role for the Knights with back-to-back 10s. While the pendulum swung to-and-fro in the next two sets, Yodhas prevailed in the shoot-off.

Aditya stars in Puneri Paltan's win over Pink Panthers

Puneri Paltan rode on Aditya Shinde's Super 10 to beat Jaipur Pink Panthers 41-36 in a PKL-12 match in Chennai on Saturday. For the Pink Panthers, Ali Samadi starred with 22 points but in vain. In the other match, Gujarat Giants defeated Bengal Warriorz 47-40.

Defenders dig deep to script a win against the Toofans

Ahmedabad Defenders came from two sets down to seal a thrilling 13-15, 13-15, 15-13, 15-8, 18-16 win over Delhi Toofans in a Prime Volleyball League clash in Hyderabad on Saturday. Late on Friday, Chennai Blitz defeated Kochi Blue Spikers 13-15, 14-16, 15-11, 15-11, 15-12.

Wednesday's Hyderabad races cancelled

The Stewards of the Hyderabad Race Club (HRC) have decided to cancel the races to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, due to paucity of acceptors.

LIVE TELECAST

Irani Cup: day 5, Star Sports Khel & JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Tennis: Shanghai Masters, Sony Sports Ten 2 & LIV, 10 a.m.
Women's ODI World Cup: India vs Pakistan, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.
Serie A: DAZN, 4, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.15 a.m. (Monday)
LaLiga: FanCode, 5.30, 7.45, 10 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Monday)
Formula One: Singapore GP, F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 5.30 p.m.
Premier League: SS Select 1, 2 & JioHotstar, 6.30 & 9 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m. & 8.30 p.m.
Bundesliga: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 & 9 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.

Ekta and Soman bag silver; Praveen wins a bronze as India swells tally

The host registers best-ever performance in the event bettering the medals haul in Kobe; Parambil finishes fourth in women's Long Jump T47

PARA ATHLETICS

Uthra Ganesan
NEW DELHI

Ekta Bhayan became the 18th medallist as India surpassed its best-ever performance at the World Para Athletics Championships on the penultimate day of action here on Saturday.

Ekta, the defending champion in the F51 Club Throw category, managed a best throw of 19.80m in her final attempt to settle for silver behind Ukraine's Zoia Ovsii (24.03m) but declared she was satisfied with her performance. India had 17 medals in the previous edition in Kobe.

India added three more to its tally on Day Seven, including two medals - silver for Soman Rana in Shot Put F57 and bronze for Praveen Kumar in High Jump T64 - to remain fifth on the table while China overtook Brazil to go top with 41 medals so far.

All-clear: Praveen's efforts earned him a bronze in the high jump T64 event. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

"The target was gold obviously but this is my third world championship medal and I am glad I could repeat my performance from last year.

There was a little pressure both as defending champion and it being held at home but that's the beauty of sports, you have to overcome your challenges," the 40-year old said after adding a silver to her bronze (2023) and gold (2024) to complete her collection.

Despite challenging, sultry weather conditions that made holding the club difficult, Ekta was happier for the fact that she her Paralympic dream was alive with LA28 including her event in the programme after it was dropped at Paris last year.

Paris Paralympics gold medallist Praveen, who had a bronze at the 2023 Worlds before finishing an agonising 4th last year, added a second bronze with a season's best jump of 2 metres despite a sore back that hampered his training. But the surprise of the day was the 42-year old mine-blast survivor from Indian Army, Soman Rana, who won his first World-level medal after fourth and fifth place finishes in the last two Paralympics.

Chakkungal Parambil finished fourth in women's Long Jump T47 with 5.74m – a new Asian record.

The results: Men: 100m T52: Anthony Bouchard (Can, 16.95s); **100m T35:** Artem Kalashian (NPA, 11.55s); **100m T51:** Peter Genyn (Bel, 20.19s); **1500m T20:** Michael Brannigan (USA, 3:50.44); **1500m T46:** Aleksandr Iaremchuk (NPA, 3:53.26); **High Jump T64:** Temurbek Giyazov (Uzb, 2.03m), Praveen Kumar (3rd, 2.00m), Banti (6th, 1.87m); **Javelin Throw F13:** Daniel Pembroke (GBR, 68.51m), Manjeet (5th, 57.80m).

Javelin Throw F54: Ali Baziyarshoorijeh (Iri, 32.24m), Pradeep Kumar (7th, 26.11m); **Shot Put F38:** Levino Denis (Col, 20.38m), bettering own WR; **Shot Put F57:** Yasin Khosravi (Iri, 16.60m) bettering own WR, Soman Rana (2nd, 14.69m), Hokato Sema (6th, 14.35m), Shubham Juyal (7th, 13.72m).

Women: 800m T34: Hannah Cockroft (GBR, 1:49.88); **Long Jump T11:** Alba Falagan (Esp, 4.80m); **Long Jump T47:** Kiara Rodriguez (Ecu, 6.29m), Chakkungal Parambil (4th, 5.74m) AR; **Shot Put F12:** Assunta Legnante (Ita, 14.44m); **Shot Put F35:** Mariia Pomazan (Ukr, 12.04m); **Club Throw F51:** Zoia Ovsii (Ukr, 24.03m), Ekta Bhayan (2nd, 19.80m), Kashish Lakra (11.64m); **Universal 4x100m:** The Netherlands (47.73s).

Russell claims surprise Singapore GP pole

Turned a corner: Russell bounced back after crashing in practice on Friday. AFP

FORMULA ONE

Reuters
SINGAPORE

George Russell put Mercedes on pole position for the Singapore Grand Prix on Saturday with Red Bull's Max Verstappen taking the second spot on the front row.

Russell crashed in practice on Friday but drove brilliantly in the final round of qualifying to put in two laps worthy of pole, his best timed at one minute 29.158s.

Verstappen was 0.182s behind but disgruntled after being blocked by Lando Norris and making a mistake on his final flying lap.

Championship leader Oscar Piastri will start on the second row after clocking the third fastest time.

Kimi Antonelli will start on the second row alongside Piastri, whose teammate Norris was fifth fastest and will line up in row three with Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton.

The qualifying results: 1. Russell (Mercedes); 2. Verstappen (Red Bull); 3. Piastri (McLaren); 4. Antonelli (Mercedes); 5. Norris (McLaren); 6. Hamilton (Ferrari); 7. Leclerc (Ferrari); 8. Hadjar (Racing Bulls). 9. Bearman (Haas); 10. Alonso (Aston Martin); 11. Hulkenberg (Kick Sauber); 12. Albon (Williams); 13. Sainz (Williams); 14. Lawson (Racing Bulls); 15. Tsunoda (Red Bull). 16. Borteleto (Kick Sauber); 17. Stroll (Aston Martin); 18. Colapinto (Alpine); 19. Ocon (Haas); 20. Gasly (Alpine).

Mitchell Marsh AFP

Marsh's ton guides Australia home

Associated Press
MOUNT MAUNGANUI

Mitchell Marsh posted his first Twenty20 century in his 73rd innings, carrying Australia past New Zealand in a three-wicket win that clinched the Chappell-Hadlee series 2-0 on Saturday.

Apart from Seifert, captain Michael Bracewell made 26 and Jimmy Neesham 25 in a New Zealand innings that barely survived the full 20 overs.

The scores: New Zealand 156/9 in 20 overs (Seifert 48, Abbott 3/25) lost to Australia 160/7 in 18 overs (Marsh 103 n.o, Neesham 4/26). **Toss:** Australia; **PoM:** Marsh; **PoS:** Marsh.

Chess World Cup: Intriguing battles on the cards

P.K. Ajith Kumar
KOZHIKODE

A few intriguing battles are on the cards at the Chess World Cup beginning in Goa on November 1. And some of them could involve all-Indian affairs.

Top seed D. Gukesh could open his campaign against R. Raja Rithvik, if the latter could overcome Kazybek Nogerbek of Kazakhstan in the first round. The World champion from Chennai is one of the 50 top players that have been seeded directly into the second round.

Second seed Arjun Erigiaisi, third seed R. Praggnanandhaa, Vidit Gujrathi, P. Harikrishna, Aravindh Chithambaram and Nihal Sarin, who could potentially run into Divya Deshmukh, the reigning women's World Cup champion; the Nagpur youngster is pitted against a higher-rated player though: Stamatis Kourkoulos-Arditis of Greece.

Other prominent Indian players who have to play in the first round include S.L. Narayanan, Karthikeyan Murali, Raunak Sadhwani, V. Pranav and Pa. Iniyan.

The World Cup is one of the biggest events in the chess calendar and India is hosting it for only the second time; the last time was more than two decades ago, at Hyderabad.

Anish Giri, Wesley So, Vincent Keymer, Ian Nepomniachtchi, Wei Yi, Shakhriyar Mamedyarov, Nordibek Abdusattorov are among the stars who will compete in Goa.

Manish and Vaishnavi are national champions

TENNIS

Kamesh Srinivasan
NEW DELHI

Manish Sureshkumar and Vaishnavi Adkar were authoritative in emerging as champions in the Fenesta National tennis championship on Saturday.

Manish beat fellow trainee of coach Sureshkumar Sonachalam from Chennai, qualifier Keerthivassan Suresh 6-4, 6-2 for the men's title.

It was a lively match in which both the players exhibited their repertoire from the back court with energetic strokes, even though they both were tired after the tough passage to the final.

"I am very happy to win this second National title. Coming into the tournament, I had no expectations, as I was not happy with my game. It is not in the same level that it used to be. I was not playing that good initially. I gained belief after beating Nitin Kumar Sinha in the quarterfinals. This title gives me the confidence to step into the international events and play better," said Manish, who was presented the winner's Cheque of Rs.300,000.

Like another Tamil Nadu lad, Rethin Pranav who had marched to the men's title after making the main draw as a lucky-loser last year, Keerthivassan threatened to strike it big, but fell marginally short, despite a brave effort. He won everyone's admiration for packing such a lively game in a wiry frame. He pocketed Rs.200,000 as the runner-up prize.

Memorable outing: Manish and Vaishnavi. KAMESH SRINIVASAN

The prize money was equal for the women's champions and runners-up, as Vaishnavi beat her fellow Maharashtra teammate, Akanksha6-1, 6-2, despite dropping her serve twice.

"Till the last moment, I was not sure of competing in this tournament owing to the knee injury. I am happy to be the national champion. It feels surreal," said Vaishnavi, even as she congratulated and thanked the DCM Shriram Group for sustaining the event for more than 30 years.

In the junior boys final, Tavish Pahwa recovered from being down 0-3 to take the first set in the tiebreak, before Hruthik Katakam retired early in the second set. Harshini Nagaraj played a steady game to beat the strongly-built Snigdha Kanta in three sets for the girls title.

London Games medallist Yogeshwar Dutt was the chief guest and presented the trophies along with the Chairman and Managing Director of DCM Shriram, Ajay Shriram, the Davis Cup captain Rohit Rajpal, Business Head of Fenesta, Saket Jain, along with Balram Singh and Anil Gupta.

The results (finals):
Men: Manish Sureshkumar bt Keerthivassan Suresh 6-4, 6-2.
Doubles (final): Nitin Kumar Sinha & Maan Kesharwani bt Manish Sureshkumar & Abhinav Sanjeev Shanmugam 6-4, 3-6, [10-5].
Women: Vaishnavi Adkar bt Akanksha Nitture 6-1, 6-2.
Under-18, boys: Tavish Pahwa bt Hruthik Katakam 7-6(2), 1-0 (retired). **Girls:** Harshini Nagaraj bt Snigdha Kanta 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

Jagathishree scripts stunning victory in fourth round

MOTORSPORTS

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) scripted a fairytale victory starting from last on the grid in the Girls (Stock 165cc) in the fourth round of the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Motorcycle Racing Championship 2025 at Madras International Circuit, here on Saturday.

Earlier, 27-year-old Rahil Pillarisetty had a surprisingly comfortable victory in the premier Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open category race. It was a significant win for Rahil as he pulled away from his nearest rival, 18-year-old Sarthak Chavan (Petronas TVS Racing) in the championship standings.

The podium: Jagathishree (centre) flanked by second-placed Ann Jennifer (left) and third-placed Rakshitha Dave.

The results (Provisional – all 6 laps unless mentioned, all Race-1, Winners only): National Championship: Pro-Stock 301-400cc Open (4 laps): 1. Rahil Pillarisetty (RACR Castrol Power 1) (7min, 23.397s); **Pro-Stock 200cc Open:** 1. Senthilkumar (RDX Torque Racing) (11:52.899); **Super Stock Intermediate 165cc:** 1. Kamal Navas (12:43.102); **Stock 301-400cc (Novice):** 1. Mohamed Mikail (Mad Rabbit Racing) (12:11.479); **Stock 165cc (Novice):** 1. Rajender Beedani (MAI Racing) (13:01.172); **Girls (Stock 165cc) (5 laps):** 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan (One Racing) (11:01.438); **Petronas TVS One-Make Championship: Expert (Apache RR 310):** 1. P. Mohan Babu (11:44.469); **Rookie (Apache RTR 200):** 1. R. Hari Haran (13:16.211); **Women (Apache RTR 200) (5 laps):** 1. Jagathishree Kumaresan (11:08.465); **Idemitsu Honda India Talent Cup (Honda CB 300F):** 1. Raivat Dhar (12:37.237).